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LIFE INSURANCE PROGRESS.

China Underwriters
Going Ahead.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Reference to continued and satisfactory progress, especially in times of business depression, was made at the annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., which took place in the Hong Kong Bank Building this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided, and in the course of his speech drew attention to the increase in income in the Life Department. The premium income also showed a considerable increase over last year's figures. Reasonable progress had been made in a rather difficult year.

Mr. Shewan concluded his speech by thanking the branch managers, secretaries and staff for their loyal co-operation.

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconding the motion, also drew attention to the remarkable development of the company's Life Insurance business, premium income for which showed a net return of little less than 100 per cent. for the past two years. He congratulated the directors and staff upon the sound and steady progress of the company.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and account, said:—We have now the pleasure to lay before you our report and the accounts for the year ending December 31, 1930, and as these have been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your consent, take them as read.

As on the last occasion we have converted all silver figures to Hong Kong dollars and all gold figures to sterling at the parties. The gold figures have been converted to Hong Kong dollars at the rate ruling on December 31, 1930, namely \$1 = 1/14. For the sake of continuity we have shown the figures brought forward at last year's rate and an exchange adjustment.

In the Life Department the Premium Income has increased from £602,058 to \$835,432, this increase being mainly due to the effect of converting gold premiums to Hong Kong dollars at the lower rate of exchange. Expenses at \$344,119 show an increase of \$61,340 over the figure last year. This increase is due to the increased value of the gold expenses expressed in silver at the lower exchange rate, as the actual expenses both in gold and silver currencies have decreased, notwithstanding our having charged the Life Account with a large proportion than in previous years of the executive and general expenses of the Company distributable between the Departments.

Claims at \$153,799 showed a considerable increase over last year's light claim rate but this is very largely due to exchange and the ratio may be considered satisfactory. The Life Assurance Fund has increased from \$101,575 to \$319,948.

Effect of Depression.

The financial depression existing in many of the countries where we operate has made it very difficult to maintain our revenue figures and has led to a marked increase in the surrenders of policies, but on the whole the Department may be said to have made reasonable progress in a somewhat difficult year.

The net premiums in the Marine Department amounted to \$346,414, a considerable increase over the figure of the previous year. This is partly due to the effect of converting gold premiums to silver at the lower rate of exchange, and partly due to the increased volume of business. While the Marine Insurance Fund has been increased from \$162,406 to \$275,008, nothing has been carried to or from profit and loss.

Fire Insurance.

Net premiums in the Fire Insurance Department at \$189,282 show an increase, but the claim rate has been heavy, so that in order to set up a reserve for unexpired risks of \$55,718. It has been necessary to transfer \$16,228 from profit and loss.

Net premiums in the Accident

PLANE CATAPULTED INTO THE AIR.

Device for Dispensing
with "Take-off."

ADDS 4,000 HORSE-POWER.

Rugby, Yesterday. A remarkable experiment was demonstrated by the Royal Air Force establishment at Farnborough to-day, when a huge 9-ton bombing plane was successfully catapulted into the air by a new mechanism designed and constructed at the Air Force experimental station.

Squadron Leader Caster and Flight Lieutenant Ryfe were in the bomber, a twin-engine Vickers Virginia type. When the 1,000 horse-power engines were running, the pilot gave a signal and the catapult was started, adding 4,000 horse power to their pull. There was an ear-splitting roar from the catapult and the plane shot high into the air having dispensed with all take-off run.

The catapult's motive power is compressed air. Neither pilot received the slightest shock from this method of launching. The device may be shown at the annual Air Force Pageant at Hendon this Summer.—British Wireless Service.

Department amounted to \$42,279, a considerable increase over the figure of \$24,567 last year. This increase is accentuated by the effect of exchange, but it is mainly due to increased volume of business. The Accident Fund has increased from \$14,913 to \$27,120, so that this Department is showing satisfactory progress.

The profit and loss debit balance has increased from \$80,284 to \$89,560.

It will be seen from the balance sheet that the exchange and investment fluctuation account has been increased from \$78,189 to \$133,063. It will also be observed that there has been considerable increase in the loans on the Company's policies.

During the early part of last year a call of \$1 per share was made on the Company's share capital, making a total of \$400 per share paid up and this is shown in the balance sheet as on December 31, 1930.

Auditors' Fees. The Company's Auditors, Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy, Smith & Fleming have requested an increase in their fees for their audit for the current year to \$1,250 each, on account of the increased volume of work and of their heavier expenses owing to the fall in exchange. Their fees have remained at \$750 for each firm since the incorporation of the Company and I hope that you will confirm the new fees when the re-election of the Auditors is proposed.

I regret to have to inform you of the resignation during the year under review of two of the members of the Board of Directors.

Mr. C. P. Marcel tendered his resignation owing to his having left the Colony, and Mr. Tsang Foo owing to ill health. Since the end of the year Mr. H. R. Sturt, the Company's manager and secretary, was invited to join the Board in addition to his executive duties, and his re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association will come before you in due course.

In conclusion I should like to place on record our appreciation of the loyal co-operation of the branch managers, secretaries and staff.

The motion was seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, and carried unanimously.

Satisfactory Progress. Mr. Croucher, in the course of his speech, said:—

I take much pleasure in seconding the proposal for the chair. In so doing I crave the indulgence of the meeting to refer not only to the figures contained in the accounts before you, but also to some of the figures for the past two years in appreciation of the sound progress which has been made by the local junior company in the field of insurance.

The total business done by the Company for the year 1928 as reflected in the net premium received by all departments was just a little under \$7,000,000, a year after the premium income had arisen to a few dollars below a million, and in the accounts for 1930 which we are considering to-day, net premium

PRINCE'S STIRRING PLEA FOR TRADE.

Permanent Building
at Buenos Aires.

CO-OPERATION URGED.

London, Yesterday. A stirring plea for co-operation in the development of British trade with South America was made by the Prince of Wales at a dinner given in London by the Executive of the recent British Empire Exhibition at Buenos Aires.

The Prince described the Exhibition, at which 1,000 British firms displayed their wares, as a magnificent British effort, and paid a tribute to the support given by Argentine Argentinians.

His Highness suggested fostering British trade there by the establishment of a permanent British building in Buenos Aires, similar to the fine Dominions buildings in London.

A Practical Suggestion. The Prince also suggested that when British bankers made loans they might insist, as foreign bankers do, on the proceeds being expended in the lending country.—Reuter.

KOWLOON MURDER.

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE
POLICE.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The terrible murder of Mr. D. C. Carstairs yesterday forms the theme of conversation and speculation throughout the Colony. Certain circumstances that might be found to have a bearing on the crime are being thoroughly investigated by the detective branch; but it would naturally be impolitic at this stage to hint at the nature of these. It may be sufficient to state that strong hope exists that an arrest may be effected within the next 48 hours.

The official Police report of the murder reads as under:—"Found dead in bed, in his flat No. 2, Luna Buildings, first floor, Kimberley Road, at 11.50 a.m. on the 21st Douglas C. Carstairs, age 37 years, Area Manager of the Naval Army and Air Force Institute, with a stab wound in the abdomen. A dagger was found on the bed. He was last seen alive at about 2 a.m. on the 21st, when European guests departed after a party. Body removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. No signs of anything having been stolen."

This report confirms in its entirety the news published in this paper yesterday afternoon.

FORGOT HIS LIGHTS.

LIGHTERMAN DISCHARGED
WITH A CAUTION.

Three Kowloon Godown lighter-men were to-day charged before Comdr. J. B. Newell by Lance-Sergeant Hill, of the Water Police, with failing to exhibit a white light three feet above the gunwale at the bows of a dinghy which they were in charge of in the Central fairway of the harbour at 7 p.m., yesterday.

The first accused admitted the offence saying that although all three were in the dinghy he was in charge of the craft.

In view of this plea, the Sergeant withdrew the charge against the other two accused, and they were discharged.

Asked by the Magistrate for an explanation, the remaining accused said that six lighters were lying outside the breakwater of the Yaumati typhoon shelter. A member of the crew of his lighter was taken suddenly ill and, being in a hurry to row ashore to Yaumati to get medicine for the man, he had forgotten to light up.

His Worship discharged the accused with a caution.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

COOLIE CRUSHED BY COLLAPSE
OF SACKS.

The sudden collapse of several sacks of maize in the Yuen Yuen Godown, 168 Connaught Road West, yesterday, caused the death of a coolie, Al Chow (20).

Two tallymen, Chan Chum-ling and Lo Yee-chuen, were sent to the Government Civil Hospital. Chan received injuries to his thigh, whilst the latter was injured in the face and legs.

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEMI-FINALISTS.

Two Stirring Matches
Thrill Spectators.

ALL-ENGLISH FINAL.

The last stage of the Amateur Golf Championship at Westward Ho will be completed to-day when an all-English final between John de Forest (Addington) and Martin Smith (Royal St. George) will be decided over 36 holes. Both players have vanquished tough opposition throughout the championship, and the final round between such worthy opponents should prove interesting and exciting to the many spectators who will witness the match.

Semi-final Result. De Forest beat Tulloch one up. Martin Smith beat MacCormack one up.

London, Yesterday. At Westward Ho two Englishmen will contest the final over thirty-six holes to-morrow (Friday), the only remaining Irishman, Dr. MacCormack, and Scotsman, W. Tulloch, having

OUR CURRENCY.

Rumour-Mongers Laid By
Heels.

The Government understands that rumours have been circulated regarding the supposed recommendations of the Currency Commissioners.

The Government desires it to be known that no recommendations of any kind whatsoever have been received from the Currency Commissioners.

been defeated in the semi-final.

In his match with de Forest, Tulloch won the first hole and halved the 2nd and 3rd. De Forest then won the 4th, Tulloch being bunkered at this hole. Tulloch again took the lead at the seventh, but de Forest squared the match at the short eighth.

Tulloch was too strong with his approach at the ninth, Forest taking the lead to turn one up. Playing a fine run up shot at the tenth Forest increased his lead to two up, then went further ahead at the eleventh where he holed a five-foot putt.

Tulloch won the twelfth and thirteenth, both players were bunkered at the fourteenth which was halved. The next three holes were also halved.

At the eighteenth Forest laid his run up shot stone dead and, with Tulloch just failing to hole out, Forest secured a half and the match.

Smith v. MacCormack.

Off the first tee MacCormack topped his drive into a ditch one hundred yards in front, Smith becoming one up. Hitting two fine shots against the wind at the third MacCormack squared the match, the next two holes being halved. MacCormack became one up at the seventh, where Smith's drive found a bunker. The eighth was halved and Smith took the ninth to make the match all square at the turn.

MacCormack lost the tenth where he put his second shot into a bunker. At the thirteenth the match stood all square. Smith took the lead at the sixteenth with a fine three, but got into trouble among the rushes at the seventeenth which MacCormack won to level the match. Smith hitting a better drive at the eighteenth holed out in four to MacCormack's five and secured the victory.

Earlier Cables. At Westward Ho to-day the complete sixth round results in the British Amateur Championship were: Tulloch beat Morrison, 3 and 1. De Forest beat Roper, 2 and 1. MacCormack beat Tippett, 2 and 1.

Martin Smith beat Miller, 3 and 1. With not a single British international among them the last eight went out in a biting wind, which played havoc with hopes and aspirations.

The dour Scottish giant-killer Tulloch eliminated the burly ex-Cambridge triple blue, Morrison, who frittered away his putts. The wealthy John de Forest, a pupil of Horton Smith, who trains on milk, had to fight grimly against

COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA.

Similar to Canadian and
African Jobs.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Dominions Office state, as was recently announced in the House of Commons, that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided to appoint a High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia with functions comparable with those of the High Commissioners in Canada and the Union of South Africa.

Pending the selection of the High Commissioner, Mr. E. T. Crutchley, at present United Kingdom Migration Representative in the Commonwealth of Australia, has been appointed as representative in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and is taking up his new duties at Canberra forthwith.—British Wireless Service.

PEACE IN THE MINES.

MORE HOPEFUL PHASE IN COAL
SITUATION.

BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A more hopeful phase in the coal situation was discussed by the Executive of the Miners' Federation in London to-day. They considered letters from the Coalowners' Association stating that powers were being sought from districts to negotiate on a National basis for a settlement both on wages and hours.

Hitherto owners have adhered to the view that wages could be discussed and settled in districts according to varying circumstances and local requirements.

Mr. A. J. Cook, the Miners' Secretary, after the Executive meeting, said that they would do everything in their power to facilitate successful negotiations so that peace in the mining industry might be secured.—British Wireless Service.

RUMOUR DENIED.

Rumours that the s.s. Tele-machus, now lying at Yaumati Bay, is going into the hands of ship breakers were denied by the owners of the vessel, the Wo Fat Shing Co., of Wing Lok Street.

They claim that, although the ship is easily the oldest in this part of the world (she was built by A. Leslie & Co., Newcastle, 51 years ago), she is still seaworthy. However, they admitted that offers had been made for the purchase of the ship for breaking up in Hong Kong, but the highest price offered was inadequate.

No explanation was forthcoming as to why she was taken off the Hong Kong-Saigon run six months ago and laid up at Yaumati since.

SILK STOCKINGS.

Caught in the act of opening a passenger's trunk in a cabin on board the s.s. President Pearce, Leung Yung-kan was charged with having unlawful possession of a pair of ladies' silk stockings.

In the Kowloon Police Court this morning he pleaded guilty and was sent to jail with hard labour for three months.

Detective-Sergeant Pearson said he had been unable to trace the owners of the stockings, but they were undoubtedly stolen from the ship.

The Notts clerk and ex-miner, Roper, whom he could not shake off until he began a most deliberate series of putts, lying prone on the green to study the line and holding out the long ones. He became one up at the thirteenth, and retained the lead to the seventeenth for a win.

MacCormack upheld the Irish representation, staging a splendid recovery. He was three down at the turn, squared at the fourteenth, led for the first time at the sixteenth, and won the seventeenth in five for the match.

Martin Smith, a banker's son, who receives his blue at Cambridge this year, was one down at the tenth, squared at the twelfth, and won the fifteenth and sixteenth. He holed out a chip shot at the seventeenth, to win with a flourish over the son of the famous polo player, Miller.—Reuter.

UMPIRE'S AWARD SET ASIDE.

Dispute Over a Coal
Contract.

MERCHANTS IN COURT.

An award made as an umpire

by Mr. A. L. Shields, which followed a disagreement between arbitrators, was set aside by the Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice, (Sir J. H. Kemp).

The dispute centred round a contract made by S. Latif Hussain, merchant of Wyndham Street, to supply low volatile coal to the Hang Shun Company, of Connaught Road, Central. The contract was subsequently varied by letter to high volatile coal. The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. S. T. Williamson were appointed to arbitrate, but could not agree on their findings. The umpire (Mr. Shields) was then called in.

Parties Reach Agreement.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon appeared for the Hang Shun Company, applicants in the case. The award was said to be ambiguous and inconsistent. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for Hussain said yesterday that after consideration, he would agree to the award being set aside with costs.

His Lordship made an order as indicated by Mr. Potter, in which he set the award aside with costs by consent, and expressed his willingness to appoint a new Umpire if it became necessary for him to do so.

PLUCKY AVIATRIX COMES TO GRIEF.

German Girl's Attempt
to Fly to Tokyo.

CRASH IN FOG.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The German aviator, Fraulein Schultes, who, accompanied by the airman Sackmann, left Munich to-day en route to Tokyo in a small sports machine, crashed in thick fog at Passau. Fraulein Schultes' legs were broken and Sackmann was also severely injured.—Reuter.

CHEAPER PETROL.

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PER GALLON.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The National petrol distributing companies announce the reduction of one penny per gallon in their wholesale and retail prices from to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

REPLACES THE MARQUIS
MERRY DEL VAL.

ARRIVAL IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The New Spanish Ambassador, Senor Perez de Ayala, arrived in London to-night and was met by a representative of the Foreign Secretary.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL WILLS.

\$8,100 LEFT BY CHINESE
WOMAN.

Yeung Tab-ching, alias Ng Yeung Shi, alias Yeung Ching, married woman, who died intestate in the Kwong Wah Hospital on or about October 14, 1930, left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$8,100. Letters of administration have been granted to her husband, Ng Sun-yuet, of 18 Nga Tsin Wai Road, Kowloon City.

Estate in Hong Kong worth \$7,000 was left by U Chung-wo, who died at Lung Hing Lane, Tek Hol, Tolsan District, Kwangtung, on January 15, 1931. Probate of his will has been granted to his son, U Chut-lai, temporarily living at 97, Wing Lok Street.

Letters of administration of the local estate, valued at \$1,600, of Fong Sam, alias Fung Hin-jung, who died intestate at San Francisco, California, on February 20, 1930, has been granted to his widow, Fong Shiu-shi, temporarily living at 21, Connaught Road Central.

RECKLESS DRIVING OF MOTOR LORRY.

Mounted Footpath at
35 Miles Per Hour.

STERN REPRIMAND.

"This is quite the worst case of reckless driving I have ever come across," declared Mr. Schofield in the Central Magistracy this morning, when he imposed a fine of \$100 with the alternative of two months' hard labour on Au Wong, driver of a motor lorry, who was summoned for negligent driving, and pleaded guilty to the offence. His Worship further recommended that defendant's licence be suspended for one year.

Traffic-Sergeant Brown said that on May 8 he was called to the scene of an accident in Queen's Road East at 5.20 p.m. which had been caused by defendant's lorry. Several people were walking along the footpath, and defendant's lorry, which was travelling in an easterly direction toward Arsenal Street, passed a moving vehicle on the left at a speed of 35 m.p.h. and mounted the footpath for a distance of 25 yards. Two pedestrians were knocked down, and one had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a fractured arm. The accident was witnessed by several soldiers in the vicinity.

Asked for defendant's record, Traffic-Inspector Alexander said that on May 1 last, his Worship fined defendant for driving on the wrong side of Barker Road. On that occasion, his lorry nearly collided with another car.

Victim Reluctant.

In reply to Mr. Schofield, Sergeant Brown said that the injured man could not be found and had probably gone to the country. He had been very reluctant to give a statement of the mishap to the Police.

The Magistrate (to Inspector Alexander): I have no power to order the forfeiture of his licence. Inspector Alexander—No, your Worship, but you can recommend it.

Sailor Fined.

Able Seaman Anderson was fined \$5 for having driven a car without a licence. A similar penalty was meted out to a Chinese licensed driver, who admitted allowing A. B. Anderson to drive in Wong-nelung Road. The licensee of the vehicle, Mr. C. Borandi, of the Fiat Garage, was also fined \$5.

KING ON VACATION

TO SPEND WHITSUNTIDE AT
SANDRINGHAM.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The King and Queen to-day left Buckingham Palace for Sandringham, Norfolk, where they will remain over Whitsuntide. They will return to London next Wednesday and His Majesty will give an annual dinner to members of the Jockey Club at Buckingham Palace on June 2, the eve of the Derby.—British Wireless Service.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido. Depressions are situated over Tongking and the Sea of Japan. Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1-20.49 inches against an average of 19.03 inches—excess 1.41 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	81
Macao	79
Pratas Island	83
Pochoow	70
Manila	79
Amoy	75
Chefoo	64
Shanghai	65

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday. A rush of money is swelling the subscriptions to the Irish Sweepstakes on the Derby. It is estimated that £200,000 is being received daily at the Dublin offices.—Reuter.

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S. LACK,
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Hong Kong Branch.
Hong Kong, May 21, 1931.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundaries	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo	By the Surveyor of His Majesty the King	1.500 sq. ft.	2,500	2,500

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No. of Lot	Locality	Boundaries	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Wong Nei Chung	By the Surveyor of His Majesty the King	1.500 sq. ft.	2,500	2,500

GENERAL NOTICES**BANK HOLIDAYS.**

IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 25th May (Whit Monday).
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1931.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

M. R. E. J. COLLINS is no longer connected with this Company.
VACUUM OIL COMPANY,
C. C. STARK,
Acting General Manager.
Hong Kong, May 19, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1930, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th MAY to 29th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1931.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1931, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1930, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th MAY to 29th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1931.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1931, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1930, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th MAY to 29th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

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SPORT NOTICES**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th May, 1931, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 per day for Gentlemen, and \$3 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all charges, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 per day including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th May, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Subscription Griffs and
Australian Ponies.

THE LIST of Subscribers to the above will CLOSE at Noon on SATURDAY, 30th May, 1931.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**NOTICE.**

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, "Happy Valley," on WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House on the 27th day of May, 1931, immediately after the half-yearly meeting of the Voting Members when the subjoined resolution will be proposed:—
That Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words "Ordinary Members" and substituting therefor the words "The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Club will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of June, 1931, at a quarter past five o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.

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RADIO**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.**

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station: Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-9 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.02-7.20 p.m.—Orchestra.

Crown Diamonds—Overture (Auber),
Sir Dan Godfrey and the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (DX77).
Musical Jig-Saw (Arr. Astor),
Regal Cinema Orchestra (DX105).

7.20-7.47 p.m.—Octets.
Invitation to the Valse (Weber),
Chant Sans Paroles (Tschikowsky),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9608).

Liebestraum (Liszt),
Nocturne in E Flat (Chopin),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9142).
Valse Caprice (Rubenstein),
Perpetuum Mobile (Weber),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9287).

8 p.m.—Local Time, Weather Report, etc.

7.27-8.18 p.m.—Operatic Selections.

Mignon (Thomas),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9309).

La Boheme (Puccini),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9307).

Madame Butterfly (Puccini),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9306).

8.18-9 p.m.—Scottish Selections.

Song—
My Ain Wee Hoose
(Mrs. Wilson & D. Munro),
Nini Rae, Contralto (G674).

Song—
The Star o' Robbie Burns
(Thomson & Booth),
Tom Kinniburgh, Bass (G8150).

Band—
Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo,
Entry of Pipe Band (9110).

Song—
Annie Laurie,
Kathleen Mavourneen
(Crawford & Crouch),
Dame Clara Butt, Contralto (PB3).

Chorus—
Loch Lomond (Vaughan Williams),
The Road to the Isles
(Kennedy & Fraser),
Greenock Male Voice Choir (4060).

Band—
The Gathering of the Clans
(Williams),
The Regimental Band of
H.M. Grenadier
Guards (4515).

Vocal Duet—
When Ye Gang Awa' Jamie,
P. S. Richardson (Tenor) &
Maggie Robertson
(Contralto) (G6571).

MOSLEY GROUP.**PREMIER INVADES "REBEL" STRONGHOLD.**

There was a piquant situation at West Bromwich recently when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, fresh from his victory in the House of Commons, invaded the Mosley stronghold of Birmingham.

He addressed a large meeting at the Town Hall of West Bromwich, the audience including many constituents of the four local M.P.s who have joined Sir Oswald Mosley's new party and who have been called on to resign their seats for which the Labour Party has selected new candidates.

Mr. MacDonald, referring to the Mosley Group, said that the Labour Party did not want members of Parliament twiddling their thumbs outside the House of Commons when a division in which the fate of the Labour Party was in the balance was in progress. He added:

"They jeer at us for being gradualists. I have no apology to make, because I am not a jerry-builder." (Cheers.)

Mr. MacDonald compared the Mosleyites to football players who refused to play the game according to the captain's orders, and asked where would West Bromwich be if they played like that in the Cup final?

A voice replied "Three goals down."

PASSPORT CARE.**REBUKE FOR A FORMER CALCUTTA SOLICITOR.**

London, April 23.
The necessity for exercising great care before certifying the fitness of an applicant for the issue of a passport was emphasised by the chairman of the London Sessions in discharging Charles Rimington Taylor, solicitor, who formerly practised in Calcutta and was once Public Prosecutor there. He was charged with knowingly making a false statement for the purpose of procuring a passport for another man.

Taylor denied that at the time he signed the certificate he was aware that any of the details supplied to him were incorrect. The applicant had previously consulted him professionally and Taylor had no idea that the police had been after the applicant for five years in connection with an alleged confidence swindle.

The jury stopped the case.

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gotten to bring what his
wife told him was so
important for the week-
end.



Ponders. Shall he nip
round to chemist. But
he's fainting for his
lunch.



Or leave it until after
lunch, hoping Martha
won't remember to ask
him immediately.



Decides to put a bold
front on it. He can fall
back on untruths if
necessary.



Sits down with hang-dog
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SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	Tuesday, 30th June.
HIYE MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 30th May.
HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 13th June.
KATORI MARU	Saturday, 13th June.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Porto.	Saturday, 23rd May.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 23rd May.
MANILA	Monday, 1st June.
TAIYO MARU	Monday, 1st June.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Wednesday, 27th May.
↑ TOKIWA MARU	Wednesday, 27th May.
KAGA MARU	Thursday, 11th June.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Wednesday, 24th June.
GINYO MARU	Wednesday, 24th June.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Monday, 25th May.
KUMA MARU	Monday, 25th May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.	Monday, 15th June.
↑ DAKAR MARU	Monday, 15th June.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Friday, 29th May.
↑ BENGAL MARU	Friday, 29th May.
↑ PENANG MARU	Monday, 8th June.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	Thursday, 28th May.
YASUKUNI MARU	Thursday, 28th May.
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Sun.	24th May
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Sumatra Maru	Wed.	3rd June
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Chicago Maru	Fri.	5th June
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	5th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Mon.	1st June
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Arizona Maru (From Kobe)	Sat.	23rd May
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinai Maru	Mon.	1st June
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Burma Maru	Sun.	24th May
HAIPHONG via Holbow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru (under docking)	Thurs.	11th June
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.	24th May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	4th June

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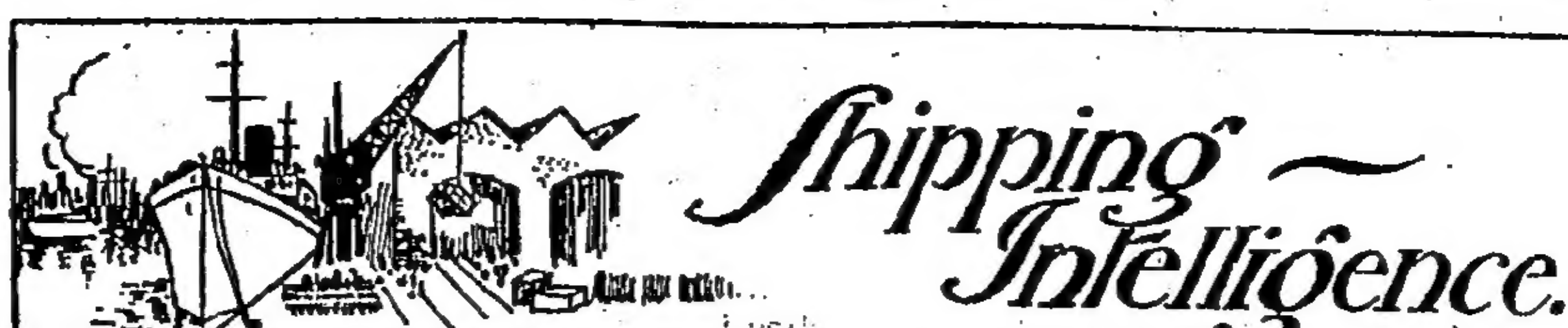
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SHIPYARDS' PLIGHT.

What has suddenly gone wrong with the British shipbuilding industry? asks The Star.

This question is being asked in amazement by engineering and other employers and also by trade union leaders who have more than the usual inkling of inside information. It is an industrial mystery of a most puzzling kind.

The facts are these:—In 1930 British shipbuilding, after years of depression, "came back." The industry built more than half the world's ships—more than all other countries put together. Britain built a record tonnage for other lands.

The industry is now in a state of collapse. At the end of March, 80 per cent. of the berths were unoccupied and more than half the workers of the industry are wholly unemployed.

The facts of this extraordinary situation were placed before the shipyard trade unions by the shipbuilding employers at a private conference held in Westminster. The meeting was convened at the behest of the employers who desired to confer with the unions on the problem that faces them.

The meeting was secret and no official statement is at the moment available, but The Star understands that Mr. A. L. Ayre, the shipbuilders' president, painted as gloomy a picture as had ever been presented at such a conference.

As far as orders were concerned, he stated that the March quarter this year had been the worst since the advent of steel ships. The employers booked in the quarter orders for 19 ships with a total tonnage of only 33,000 tons. Since the industry is at present organised to produce 3,000,000 tons of shipping a year, the president expressed grave concern about the future of the shipyards.

In January, he said, 87 per cent. of the shipbuilding firms did not receive a single order. In February 89 per cent. failed to get orders. Last month 95 per cent. of the firms did not get a new order.

As a result, it was stated, only 17 per cent. of the country's shipbuilding berths had work proceeding at the moment.

The Closed Yards. Lack of work had compelled 25 yards to close, and Mr. Ayre expressed the opinion that more yards would have to close, and unemployment would rise still higher than it is.

At present the unemployment in the industry is unparalleled. Taken as a whole, the industry has 53 per cent. out of work. In the Scottish sections of the industry there are 60 per cent. idle, and on the North-East coast 62 per cent.

One of the places worst affected is Hartlepool. This district, for the second quarter in succession, has not a single ship in hand.

The shipbuilding employers, The Star understands, did not make any demands of the trade unions at the meeting. Wages in the industry are notoriously low, and if demands are

made there can scarcely be any in this direction.

Some shipbuilding employers are urging the possibility of lowering costs by extending hours and saving on overtime rates, and by new regulations for manning machines and changing shipyard workers over from one job to another.

All these ideas are in the air for the moment, as the trade union leaders will need time to consider the employers' statements, to test the facts, and present their own views of the problem.

When The Star made inquiries among shipbuilding firms about the cause of the topsy-turvy experience of the industry, there was reluctance to fix on any reason beyond "world depression," which has checked the flow of orders.

A member of one firm stated:—"There are far too many ships afloat for the trade there is. If you go down to Southampton you will see a mass of ships laid up at anchor because there is nothing for them to do."

"Last year we were engaged on work given to us before the great world slump had begun. Last January there was 1,500,000 tons of shipping laid up in British ports. We expect that the latest figures—those for April are not yet available—will show an even greater total."

This huge lay-up actually includes newly-built ships for which there are no cargoes.

"The loss of our foreign orders is partly due to the development of shipping subsidies in the United States, Italy and Germany."

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, May 20.
Hangsang, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. Moodie, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Thursday, May 21.
Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Amoy, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. K. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Pier.—O.S.K.

Illinois, American str., 3,362 tons, Capt. A. W. from Kobe, buoy No. A9.—States S.S. Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. J. King, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

Meriones, British str., 4,808 tons, Capt. T. W. Hanne, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Nagara, Swedish str., 3,980 tons, Captain C. H. Armstedt, from Manila, buoy No. A11.—Gilmann & Co.

Naushin Maru, Japanese str., 2,970 tons, Captain Z. Horii, from Sakito, buoy No. B27.—M.S.K.

Ningpo, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. J. Nisbet, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Ranpara, British str., 17,000 tons, Capt. G. H. S. Furlong, from London, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.

Saka Maru, Japanese str., 3,386 tons, Captain Fujinaga, from Sakito, buoy No. B25.—Y.K.K.

Santhia, British str., 4,041 tons, Capt. Fred. L. Bell, from Calcutta via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.

Seattle, American str., 5,451 tons, Capt. H. Klein, from Kobe, buoy No. A12.—States S.S. Co.

Song Bo French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A8.—Sing Kee & Co.

Thames Maru, Japanese str., 4,263 tons, Capt. T. Murata, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tjisondari, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Capt. J. J. Duit, from Manila, buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.

Tokushima Maru, Japanese str., 5,976 tons, Capt. S. Kameyama, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. a.s. Comorin left Shanghai for this port on May 19 at midnight, and is due here on May 23 at about daylight.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Kobe on May 21 (Thurs.) at 1.30 p.m., leaves Kobe on May 22 (Fri.) at 6 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki on May 23 (Sat.) at 6 a.m. The Empress leaves Nagasaki for Shanghai on May 23 (Sat.) at 1 p.m.

The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the month of January were \$11,418,873, and the expenses \$10,554,878. The net earnings were \$864,000, an increase of \$75,178 over January, 1930. The gross earnings show a decrease of \$1,392,615.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

Experiments in Design of Ships.

At the Spring meetings of the Institution of Naval Architects in the Lecture Hall of the Royal Society of Arts:

Sir Charles J. O. Sanders read an historical paper on the Establishment of an International Load Line. He said that while it was commonly accepted that Samuel Pilsoll was the originator of the load line, it was doubtful whether the work would have been started had it not been for the representations made by the institution and by James Hall, of Newcastle, before Pilsoll began his agitation. After writing letters to the Shipping Gazette and the Newcastle Daily Chronicle, Mr. Hall wrote a letter which appeared in The Times on October 17, 1868, urging that legislation was required to prevent unseaworthy ships being sent to sea and mentioning the dangers of overloading.

The Times commented on the letter and said, "We trust that Parliament will give the question at least its consideration." The Times again referred to the matter in a leading article on November 5, 1868. Other papers did the same, and interest was aroused.

Mr. J. Foster King read a paper on International Load Lines, in which he described what had been done since 1862, when, after a great storm which sank 548 British ships and drowned 3,118 British sailors, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, then President of the Board of Trade, accused shipowners of allowing ships to go to sea overloaded or dangerously laden.

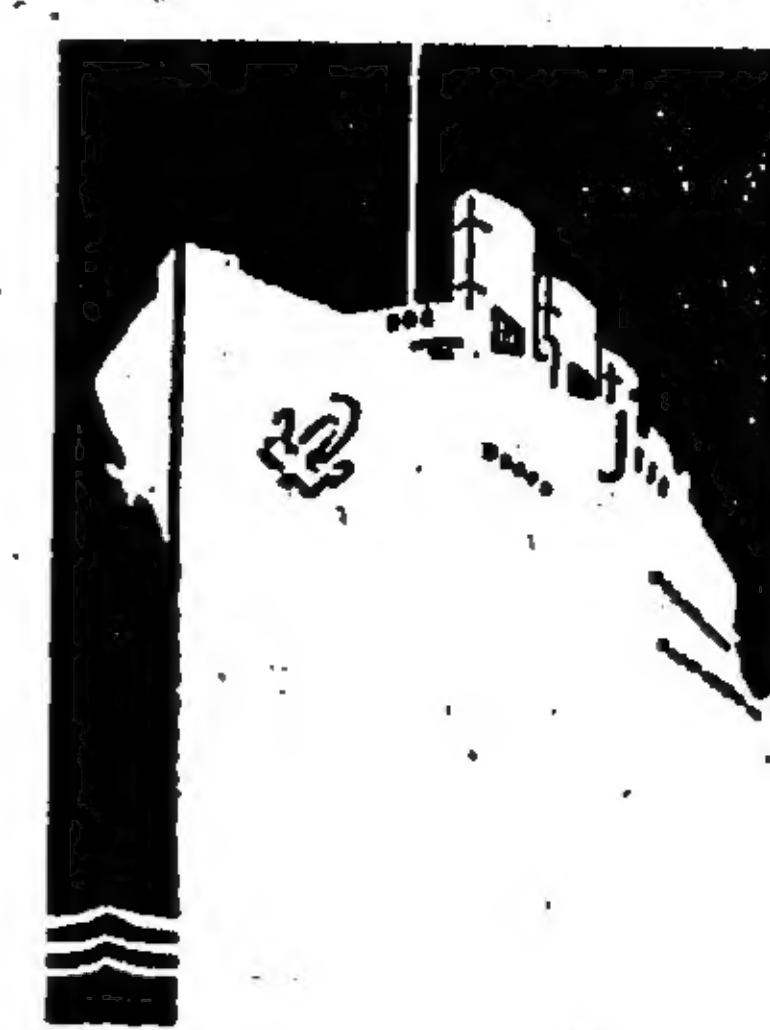
After laying down that there was no such thing as a freeboard which was correct without reservations and that it was impossible to devise regulations against all the powers of destruction released by human capacity to err or welded by the gigantic forces of nature, he said maximum load lines for cargo steamers should be defined as those which corresponded to an average of the smallest freeboards at which competent and courageous captains were prepared to take the ordinary risks of familiar voyages on ships of known characteristics without undue fear of damage to crew, ship, or cargo.

Although the International Conference might have devised maximum load lines for all classes of ships which were less than would comply with that definition, and while their international adoption practically excluded further experiments, these disadvantages, if they were disadvantages, were outweighed by the greater good that freeboards had been stabilised on a reasonable and agreed footing under conditions which eliminated unfair competition.

The Cruiser Stern.

Mr. F. H. Todd read a paper dealing with further model experiments on the resistance of mercantile ship forms carried on at the National Physical Laboratory. The experiments were made with models of coaster vessels comprising those up to 2,000 tons gross employed in trading around the British Isles, to the Continent and on similar voyages. A series of models roughly 14 ft. to 16 ft. in length and of 8 ft. beam were made and tested for water resistance, the dimensions being varied systematically so as to cover the range of proportions usual in such vessels. The experiments were arranged to enable the designer to assess the change in power associated with any change in beam, draft, or other dimensions of the ship, within the limits investigated. In addition to this methodical series, a second set of models was tested in which greater departures were made from the parent form of the first series. The results showed that considerable savings in power might be made by altering the shape of the hull, the possible variation of resistance with a given form being as high as 20 per cent. in some cases. The effects of such modifications as fitting a cruiser stern and other points of like nature were also examined. The effect of the cruiser stern was to reduce the resistance in some cases by 8 per cent.

Mr. L. C. Burrill read a paper on the seaworthiness of collier types, and Professor W. Horgaard dealt with a new theory of the distribution of shearing stresses in riveted and welded connections and the application to discontinuities in the structure of a ship.



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Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 13	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 27	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 24	Sept. 1
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 26
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 16	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 7

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

Japan Kitano Maru
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Comorin
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SUNDAY, MAY 24.	
Shanghai and Swatow Sinkiang
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 29) Hiye Maru
Shanghai and Amoy Tjinagara

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

Samshui and Wuchow Kong So	4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., June 10) and *Europe via Siberia.	Parcels May 22, 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters May 23, 8.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Comorin (Due Marseilles, June 10.)	G.P.O.
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K.P.O.	G.P.O.
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Registration 1 p.m.	Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.	Letters 2.30 p.m.

Amoy	Santhia	5 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 23		
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kitano Maru	

Holbow and Bangkok	Kwangtung	10 a.m.
Japan and *South American Ports	Rakuyo Maru	10 a.m.
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Hong Kong, Friday, May 22, 1931.

Local Child Slavery.

The mawkish, pseudo-senti-
mental, ignorant attitude of
some members of the Labour
Government at Home is hard to
beat. Without even taking the
pains to ascertain the facts,
they give eager ear to the
reports of tourists and mission-
aries, most of whom have never
had time to study the situation,
of the pernicious system of Mui
Tsai, or child slavery, as it is
supposed to exist in Hong Kong
to-day. They feel ashamed, these
good, benevolent gentlemen and
suffragettes, that a British
Colony should so stink with the
cruelties and barbarities of an
Arab slave farm. Defenceless
mites are hourly bought and sold,
whipped and tortured, kicked
and starved, and all the while the
white rulers smile and say that
it is "old custom." That is the
case as it is presented in the
House of Commons and in cer-
tain tracts published by retired
Naval officers.

Something nearer the truth
was arrived at by a speech made
in the House recently by the
Under-Secretary for the Colonies,
Dr. Drummond Shiels, who stated
that the Minimum wages and con-
ditions of employment of Mui
Tsai were reasonably good, that
Mui Tsai were normally employed
in domestic duties and there
was no statutory limitation of
hours of work in domestic ser-
vice. We have known cases at
Home where young servant girls
whose homes were far away in the
country were beaten and ill-
treated in a manner in which few
Chinese will treat their Mui Tsai.
If they had done something

wrong, had stolen some trifle or
other, they were threatened with
prosecution and forced to stay in
the tyrant's employment, being
thrashed and bullied every day.
Then there was a case at a girls'
reformatory in civilised America,
where the inmates were whipped
until the blood came, handcuffed
and locked up in their rooms in
a naked condition or silenced with
strips of court plaster fastened
across their mouths. So that it
is not only in China that cruelty
exists.

The truth about the treatment
of Mui Tsai was provided by the
interim report of the Hong Kong
Society for the Protection of
Children, which stated that dur-
ing the year "only two cases in
any way concerning Mui Tsai
were brought to the Society's
notice. In one of these the girl
in question alleged that she had
been ill-treated by her mistress,
but she was unable to point out
to those charged with the inves-
tigation of the case the house
in which her mistress lived and in
which the alleged ill-treatment
took place. In the other case an
institution in North Borneo
sought the help of the Society in
arranging for a former mui tsai
to be accommodated, and main-
tained in a suitable institution in
the Colony.

No case of cruelty to any child
was reported to the Society."

Statements such as the above
prove conclusively that the Mui
Tsai, on the average, is treated
no worse than a domestic servant
in other countries. There
are cases of arrant cruelty, there
is no doubt, but these are by no
means in the majority. Mui Tsai
are, as a general rule, well and
kindly treated by their foster
parents, who often have no chil-
dren of their own. The system
of buying and selling children is,
of course, to be deplored and
should be discouraged by every
possible means, but the high ex-
plosive eloquence of certain
Labour M.P.'s at Home can do
nothing but confuse the issue.
Let them first examine the re-
ports of the British Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to Chil-
dren before casting stones at
Hong Kong.

MARINERS WARNED.

FUNCTIONING OF SOUTH LIGHT.

A notice to mariners posted at
the Harbour Office states that the
South Linn Light at the north-
ern side of the Singapore Strait,
eastern entrance, will function on
and after May 24 (Sunday), the
light flashing white every three
seconds, height 85 feet; visibility 10
miles.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CENSORSHIP OF TELEGRAMS.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—Referring to a telegram
from Shanghai dated May 20 which
was published in the Hong Kong
newspapers regarding a statement
made by the three foreign Cable
Companies that telegrams forward-
ed from and received in Shanghai
would be subject to censorship by
the Chinese Government, we are in-
formed by our offices in Shanghai
that censorship regulations will be
applied to all telegrams, whether
via cable, radio or other means
of communication, but our Com-
panies feel confident that com-
mercial telegrams will suffer no de-
lay on account of this censorship.

Yours, etc.,
For the Eastern Extension
Telegraph Co., Ltd.,
S. LACK,

Manager,
For The Great Northern
Telegraph Co., Ltd.,
H. EFFERSOIE,
Ag. Superintendent.
Hong Kong, May 21.

A COOL CINEMA.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Sir,—I should like through the
medium of your columns to voice
my appreciation of the extraordi-
narily good cooling plant installed
in the King's Theatre.

Yesterday, for the want of some-
thing to do, I took a walk along
Queen's Road, only to find that
the heat was too oppressive.
Passing the King's I decided to
take the least of two evils—sitting
rather than walking in stifling
heat. Imagine my surprise when
I passed the entrance curtain and
felt the rush of cool air against
my freely perspiring brow. It is,
indeed, a theatre for which hun-
dreds have pined during the Sum-
mer months.

Yours, etc.,
ANTI-HUMID.
Hong Kong, May 22.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 77 degrees. The
humidity was 79 at 10 a.m. and 73
at 4 p.m.

A fine of \$90, or one month's im-
prisonment was imposed on Tsang
Lin at the Kowloon Magistracy
to-day, for having unlawful posses-
sion of three tacks of raw opium.

It is notified at the Harbour
Office that no examinations for cer-
tificates of competency for masters,
mates or engineers will be held dur-
ing the week ending May 31.

The body of a Chinese woman,
identified as that of Leung Kau
(46), was found floating in the
Yaumatei Typhoon Shelter at 9
o'clock last night. She had been
reported by her daughter to be
missing from a boat since 11 o'clock
yesterday morning.

Ip Mow-chi has reported to the
Police that whilst driving a private
motor car along Causeway Bay Road
near the tram shelter, he knocked
down Leung Kwan (45), who
sustained a fracture of the left leg
and passed away in the Government
Civil Hospital later.

A fine of \$5, or, in default, eight
days' imprisonment was imposed on
Ip Chun, a woman, who was found
trespassing in the passage way of
the cells at Shamshulpo Police
Station yesterday. She admitted
the offence, and stated that she was
taking some food to one of her
relatives, who was being detained
there.

LAND BILL.

THIRD READING PASSED BY HOUSE OF LORDS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The third reading of the Agri-
cultural Land Utilisation Bill was
to-day passed by the House of
Lords.

Lord Harbham said he believed
the electorate had given their vote
for the present Government because
they were willing to give their pro-
posals a trial. Speaking with the
assent of the leaders of the Con-
servative Party, he advised the
House to give the Bill a third read-
ing.

Lord Banbury's motion for re-
jection was thereupon defeated by
62 votes to 6.—British Wireless
Service.

VETERAN DUKE.

MINOR OPERATION ON THE NOSE.

London, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that
the Duke of Connaught will be
confined to his house for a few
days after the removal of polypus
from the nose. It is stated that
the operation is a very minor one,
and the Duke of Connaught's gen-
eral health is excellent.—Reuter.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COLONIES.

India As a Vital Unit of the Empire.

NEED OF FORESIGHT.

London, Yesterday.

In a speech at the annual
Empire Day dinner of the Royal
Empire Society to-night, Dr.
Drummond Shiels briefly toured
the British Empire, emphasising
the common interests of its
members.

He believed that the ties and
sentiment between them was
now stronger than ever. What-
ever changes occurred in India,
he trusted that she would re-
main the vital unit of the Em-
pire.

The economic development of
the Colonies was required. We
have to give more thought to it,
for other nations were develop-
ing theirs. We could not afford
to let things develop either econo-
mically or politically in the old
haphazard fashion. We must
realise where and why we were
going and avoid creating difficult
imperial problems which fore-
sight would prevent arising.—
Reuter.

FORESIGHT OF KING ALFONSO.

Invested His Money in Foreign Securities.

SPAIN VERY ANNOYED.

Madrid, Yesterday.

A fortune of over £3,500,000,
mostly in securities and bonds
chiefly abroad, and apart from
jewellery and other valuables, is
possessed by the Royal Family,
according to an official note issued
by the Minister of Finance.

The information stated that it
was based on the accounts of the
Steward Royal Household to the
end of 1921, and subsequently
the account books and other notes,
which, however, are incomplete.
The note denounces King
Alfonso's unpatriotism in invest-
ing abroad to the prejudice of
Spanish currency.—Reuter.

LIFE INSURANCE PROGRESS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

receipts are shown at \$1,363,405.
A steady progress has been re-
corded in all departments, but the
outstanding feature is the great
expansion in the Life Department,
the net premium of which rose from
\$425,161 in 1923 to \$602,058 in
1929 reaching \$835,431 in 1930 or
a little short of 100 per cent. in-
crease in two years. Whilst a
good deal of the improvement re-
presents the lower rate of conver-
sion of gold premium into local dol-
lars, it is satisfactory to note that
new business not only in the Life
Department, but also in Marine
Insurance, has contributed to-
wards this excellent result.

Improvement Since 1928.
In 1928 the Company was still
in a negative position as to its
commitments on contracts for life
insurance; excess expenditure ap-
peared in an account analogous to
goodwill in the Life Establishment
Account, which has now disap-
peared, and has been replaced by
a tangible and substantial reserve
in Life Insurance Fund of
\$319,948.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to
congratulate you and the Directors
on the sound and steady progress
of the Company, and also, on be-
half of the shareholders, to join
you in your appreciation of the ex-
cellent services of our manager,
branch managers and the staff
generally.

Other Business.
The returning directors, Messrs.
Allen Cameron, Li Tse-fong, and
H. R. Sturt, were re-elected, upon
the motion of Mr. A. L. Alves,
seconded by Mr. Chan Nai-pan.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe,
Bingham & Matthews, and Percy
Smith, Seth & Fleming, were also
re-elected at a fee of \$1,250 each,
upon the motion of Mr. J. F.
Wright, jun., seconded by Mr.
H. J. M. de Figueiredo.

Those Present.
Supporting the chairman were
Messrs. Allan Cameron, H. R.
Sturt, C. A. da Roza, A. A. B.
Beloelho, Li Tse-fong, and Mok
Ching-kong (Directors), together
with the Assistant Secretary, Mr.
E. R. Childs.
Shareholders present were
Messrs. I. W. Shewan, A. L.
Solelds, N. V. A. Croucher, J.
Coulthart, J. F. Wright, jun.,
H. J. M. de Figueiredo, A. L.
Alves, and Chan Nai-pan.

NAVIGATION OF A STEAM LAUNCH.

Coxswain Fined for Carelessness.

A LIGHT OFFENCE.

Carelessness in the navigation
of a steam launch at night, which
might have had serious conse-
quence, was punished by Comdr.
J. B. Newill in the Marine Court
this morning.

The accused was Leung Kau,
coxswain of the launch Che Hing,
and he was charged by Lance-
Sergeant Wymes, of the Water
Police, with unlawfully failing to
carry and show a red light on the
port side of the launch whilst under
way in the Central fairway of the
harbour at 8 p.m. on May 13.

In pleading "guilty," the accused
said that a sailor on his launch had
discovered that the red light was
out and when the matter was re-
ported to him (accused) he imme-
diately gave order for it to be re-
lighted. Unfortunately for him,
before this order could be carried
out, the Police launch appeared on
the scene.

The Sergeant said that he had
watched the accused's launch,
which was proceeding from West
Point to Tsing-shatui, from a dis-
tance, and the port light was never
showing.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of
\$10 and warned the accused that
next time the fine would be \$25.

WONDERFUL RADIO INVENTION.

Application of Novel Principles.

"MADE IN BRITAIN."

Paris, Yesterday.
A wonderful new wireless
gadget, the invention of a Lon-
don engineer named Reeves,
which improves long distance
telephoning, was demonstrated
near here to-day. The inven-
tion applies to short-wave
lengths a system known as the
single sideband, which has been
already applied to long waves.
The system greatly increases
the power, reduces fading and
allows twice as many conversa-
tions to take place simultane-
ously.

The single sideband is
based on the discovery
that a part only of the
ordinary radio wave is really es-
sential for perfect reception.
The appliance costs £2,000, and
takes several months to build.—
Reuter.

"HEATED DISCUSSIONS."

Standard Weight Of A Haggis.

The standard weight of a haggis
was announced at the opening of
a Scotland and Northern Ireland
produce display at the Birmingham
shop of the Empire Marketing
Board.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham
said that he did not know whether
the haggis, which was in time, had
come from Scotland under its own
power or not.

Dr. Drummond Shiels, Parlia-
mentary Under Secretary for the
Colonies, expressed disappointment
that the Lord Mayor did not show
more enthusiasm over the haggis.
He stated that there had been con-
siderable discussion between the
Empire Marketing Board and the
retail trade, not about what haggis
was, but how big it should be.
After many heated discussions it
was agreed that the standard hag-
gis should weigh 11b.

Burns had written an ode to the
haggis, Dr. Shiels reminded those
present, and he hoped that a love
for this delectable dish would de-
velop in the breasts, and some
other part of the anatomy, of
people in Birmingham.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
May 22, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4%.

At Government House yesterday
morning, Lady Stubbs, wife of
H.E. The Governor of Hong Kong,
Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., gave
birth to a daughter. On enquiry
at Government House about noon
to-day it was learned that both the
mother and child were doing well.

THE LOG

Of The "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

By W. S. Van Dyke
Editorial to the "China Mail"

Panyamur, Uganda, May 27.
 To-day we turned the first crank in the filming of "Trader Horn." About noon the sun broke through some low-lying clouds that held us up all morning and, amid fitting ceremonies, a bottle of non-descript champagne was broken over De Vinna's camera to officially mark the beginning of the picture. Stopping only for a cup of tea we worked continuously until four o'clock and succeeded in completing all but the very first of the scenes to be made at this location. That one, a long shot of the water-front, requires a more perfect composition of sky and cloud than anything we were able to find to-day.

Again, as I consider the progress of the picture, I am tempted to lapse into the vernacular of the studio; to speak of "cranks" of "G.E.s," of "120's," and of "cutting in;" to forget for the moment that I am not writing to a production manager, and that my "Hollywood" is as incomprehensible to the average person as Sanskrit. So, remembering I'll try to explain just how one goes about taking a "Professional" moving in Africa.

Book of Directions.
 First let's have a look at the script—the book of directions for making picture. Here we find the story of the picture revised into photographable form, and split up into paragraphs, each one requiring a different camera angle in filming. These are numbered and marginally headed "Long Shot," "Close Up,"

"Terrible! Five hours to post a letter!"
 "Excuse me, sir, it was two letters."—Gulierrez, Madrid.

"Medium Long Shot," etc., and contain a description of the action in the shot. It is the director's duty to see that the action is forthcoming from the actor; to interpret it to his conception of the story. The setting and properties of each location are described in the script in a general way, leaving the detail to be worked out by director and property holder.

In the scene we took to-day, for example, there were about twelve different shots which, chronologically arranged, portrayed the arrival of Litter Peru in Africa, his introduction to Trader Horn, and at the same time, Horn's meeting with a missionary lady who is bound.

Now let's see what the props are. The script, again, tells us that there must be a lot of natives in the picture—some of them slaves (this was 50 years ago)—some native canoes, a native dock, typical African foliage, a trader's store with a cluster of native huts about it and anything else that add colour to the scene. There must be as well—and this is as much a prop as anything else—a "trolley" shot of the slaves being marched down the path past the store. This involves the building of a concealed wooden runway over which the camera may be pulled without jarring or vibrating, at the same speed as the file of marching natives.

The Tools.
 Now, that roughly, was the job to be done to-day. Now let's examine the tools I have to work with and the use to which I put them.
 I have a hundred acres of typical African shore line, absolutely barren of anything but elephant grass and papyrus. I have three accomplished actors for my major parts: Harry Carey to take the part of "Trader Horn," Duncan Renaldo for "Little Peru" and Edwina Booth to play "Nina T." I have a village full of natives two miles from me. I have Red Golden, one of the best assistant directors in the business, to persuade them that it is worth their time to act—and to do so punctually. I have a studio generator anchored off shore on a barge capable of feeding twenty arc lights on shore which can produce better photographic light than the sun itself. I have in Louis McAfee chief of the electrical staff, an expert in the ways of arcs and spotlights. I have Ralph Morgan, property holder, who can construct anything from a goat's wrist watch to a reproduction of the Graf Zeppelin at a moment's notice. I have a pro-

perty man, Harry Albier, who can produce from the depths of his magical trunk the proverbial four-headed nigger—Daby—or a toupee for a bald hyena. And last—and most important of all—I have Clyde De Vinna, George Nogle and Bob Roberts, my camera crew, who can guarantee that after a scene has passed their lynx-eyed approval it will reach the negative truthfully, artistically and in focus.

A Balance Struck.
 That gives you a fair idea of just what I faced when I waved farewell to the Albert Baker and turned my face toward shore three days ago. These, figuratively, were my assets and liabilities. This is how I struck a balance:

Through Mr. Barnes, one of our white hunters, I gained the confidence of the Sultan of the neighbouring natives. He agreed to hire out to us all the males in his village to act as porters, labourers, and actors during the time we remained at Panyamur. These I turned over to Morgan, with the order that he construct in two days a Trading store, five native huts, and enough trees and foliage to form an adequate background. These were to be built a few yards from the spot where the dock touched shore.

I gave orders to the electrical crew to run the barge as close to shore as possible, to bring every light over to the locality of the set, and to be prepared to throw the switch in two days.

To the property man I gave the usual instructions: the number of costumes necessary, the amount of wear they were to show, the details of the general properties and effects which included 15 ivory tusks, a native sedan chair, two live monkeys, five 50-year-old Arabian guns, slave shackles for fifteen natives, enough supplies to fill the interior of the trading store and a complete traveling outfit such as would be carried by wealthy Peruvian of half a century ago.

It is almost unnecessary to mention to the camera men that their services are to be required. The first thing they did after arriving at the location was to unpack their cameras and commence conditioning them.

Rehearsing The Natives.
 I explained to my assistant director the action required of the natives and suggested that he rehearse them each evening after they finished helping the property man.

And finally—assured that I would be prepared to shoot in two days—I informed my three actors as to the numbers of the scenes to be taken, the make-up, requirements and the costumes to be worn.
 All of which sounds very simple and matter-of-fact, but tells nothing of the grief so often encountered in the accomplishment. That is why I felt a sense of pride in my crew when I reached the set this morning, when I realised that my orders had been executed almost to the letter in spite of the indolence of the African, the inaccessibility of supplies, the scarcity of natural materials and the intricacies of the Swahili tongue.

On the scene of complete desolation two days before my eyes beheld a thatched store, built on stilts in the best approved manner, and looking for all the world as though it had been there always. Two monkeys were amusing themselves by scampering about on the crude sign nailed above the door which bore the weather-beaten inscription "River Store, L. McAfee, proprietor." The interior of the store, open to view from the front, revealed shelves laden with bolts of cheap cotton cloth, articles of clothing, jars, knives, etc. An ancient wine cask adorned the counter.

Satisfying Decency.
 Round about the structure I found large trees, transplanted from the arid country a mile from the water. The elephant grass had been trampled into a rough trail leading past the store, bordered here and there with low brush and cactus. At the dock four or five native dugout canoes were tied up. And surrounding the entire scene were more than a hundred natives, some garbed as slaves, others as villagers, each one just clothed enough to satisfy decency. Standing back a little were my lights, ranging from the smallest—about five foot tall—to the enormous sun arc—four feet in diameter and mounted on a motor driven tower capable of raising it to any height up to twenty-five feet. Out of the picture, in another clearing, a machine shop was set up under a tent and close by it the property tent. Carefully arranged on the ground between were the 15 ivory tusks, the slave shackles, the Arabian rifles, and a pile of sundry emergency costumes and supplies. In the middle of the picture was the camera platform, standing about three feet off the

ROUND THE CINEMAS

LLOYD IN SKY-SCRAPER THRILLS.

"FEET FIRST."

For the first time in seven years, Harold Lloyd is seen in a motion picture of sky-scraper thrills—in "Feet First" in the King's Theatre. In 1924 the bespectacled king of comedy created a sensation in screendom when he released "Safety Last." The dangers encountered by Lloyd in that one forced him to resolve never to make another of that dare-devil type.

He lived up to that promise to himself—and the insurance companies—until he developed an idea that was so promising from a thrill angle that he closed his eyes to his own resolution to keep for ever more off the sides and cornices of buildings.

That "Feet First" has sensational thrills which exceed those of "Safety Last" was evidenced recently when this picture was shown to audiences in the suburbs of Los Angeles. While the comedian dangled from a painter's scaffold ten storeys above the ground, or fell through an awning three storeys below, women screamed hysterically, men laughed nervously and youngsters clung to the arms of their chairs, breathlessly tense, watching for the next thrill.

YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN.

Typically American, thoroughly modern, is "Young Man of Manhattan," the Paramount filmisation of Katharine Brush's big-selling novel, which is now showing at the Central Theatre.

Here is a zip-bang romance-drama of newspaper life that runs along at a high tempo, with never a moment's let-down in comedy, action or heart interest. Those who read the book, or its earlier form, the serial, in the Saturday Evening Post, will recall the big moments when Toby meets Ann at the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia; when Toby and Ann have their first battle over who shall pay the rent; when Toby meets the "It"—toting Puff Randolph; when Toby learns that Ann has been blinded by drinking supposed whiskey which he had left in their apartment.

Here are all these punch-packed scenes—alive on the all-talking screen, with Claudette Colbert, exotic charmer of "The Lady Lies" and "The Big Pond" as Ann; Norman Foster, juvenile lead of Broadway's own "June Moon" as Toby; Ginger Rogers, whirlwind comedienne of "Top Speed," Broadway smash-hit, as Puff, and Charles Ruggles, of "Gentlemen of the Press," "The Lady Lies" and "Roadhouse Nights" fame, as Shorty Rose.

"DESERT SONG."

Desert scenes, many of them in colours, the French Foreign Legion in Morocco, fighting and making merry, weird music with an Arabic motif, fantastic dances, and superb singing with a chorus of a hundred, all go to make the "Desert Song," the screen opera now running in the World Theatre, an attraction which cannot fail to please those who want a change from the usual

ground with the cameras mounted, waiting the command to be focused for the first shot of the day. My principals were there, garbed in clothing unmistakably worn and creased by constant usage. Nothing was wanting but the sun, and it's pretty hard to duplicate that in the exterior, there being no hook in the sky at this particular point on which to hang a light.

Slaves Shackled.
 As we waited for the sky to clear the lamps were set, according to directions from De Vinna, the first camera man, and the actors were put through a few rehearsals. Each of the white hunters was given a point of vantage from which he could translate my orders to the natives. Toward noon make-up was adjusted for the last time, the slaves were shackled, the tusks laid on their backs, the horde of villagers given their places, with a parting admonition to look away from the camera and word sent to start the generator.

Just before twelve the sun broke through the last cloud, the arcs sprang into life one by one, I waved to the hunters to start the natives, and, with joy in my voice, shouted "Camera!"—the battle cry of distant Hollywood.

And now as the twilight is deepening and the million-odd insects are gathering for their evening sortie around my head, I had best leave "Trader Horn" to himself for a time. For a just appraisal of the scene itself—of my success, or lack of success in its direction—I refer you to the critics who, a year or so hence, will judge it for you. You have seen the putty reach my hands; but to determine just what shape it takes, you must wait.

[To Be Continued.]

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
 To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, and Hotel Cecil.
 Saturday—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Entertainments.
 To-day—King's Theatre; "Feet First."
 To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Whoopie."
 To-day—Central Theatre; "Young Man of Manhattan."
 To-day—Majestic Theatre; "All Quiet on the Western Front."
 To-day—World Theatre; "The Desert Song."

Home Mails.
 To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Comorin).
 To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 8.30 a.m.; for Europe via Marseilles (Comorin), 10.30 a.m.

Sports.
 See Sports Diary on Page 12.

LADY OWEN.

APPLICATION FOR HER RELEASE.

Paris, Yesterday.
 Counsel for Lady Owen has applied for her pardon, or at least a remission of the remainder of her sentence and her immediate release.

The final decision will rest with the new President—Reuter.
 [A message of May 18 stated that Lady (Edmee) Owen, the French widow of Sir Theodore Owen, who was sentenced at the Versailles Assize Court in February to five years' reclusion on a charge of shooting with intent to kill the wife of Dr. Gastaud, a Marly physician with whom she had been on intimate terms, had withdrawn her appeal against the sentence.]

BELGIAN CABINET.

SPLIT OVER FRONTIER DEFENCES.

Brussels, Yesterday.
 The Catholic-Liberal Cabinet has resigned, as the result of the Liberals disagreeing with the Premier, M. Jaspars' acceptance of a Catholic amendment reducing the credits for the construction of frontier defences from 220,000,000 to 175,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

run of talkies shown here, and who doesn't.

Romance is present in large measure in the picture supplied by John Boles, Carlotta King, and John Miljan who formed the eternal triangle, with Marie Wells, representing a half-caste in love with Miljan, in the offing. The picture is also well spiced with comedy supplied by Louise Fazenda and Johnny Arthur, who have a little romance all to themselves—and one must not forget to mention the bawdy of pretty girls in the Pasha's harem. The enjoyment of the picture would be spoiled if the story were told, so suffice it to say that the romance is one with a new angle.

"WHOOPEE"

Although Technicolour has received the praise of millions of screen enthusiasts all over the world, and some famous artists have added their paeans to the swelling chorus, it is doubtful whether Technicolour has ever received any praise more satisfactory than that accorded by Florenz Ziegfeld, the noted producer of the Ziegfeld Follies.

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"MIN AND BILL"

Russell Hopton, former stage actor, who recently scored as Capt. Vargas in Ramon Novarro's "Call of the Flesh," appears as a new type of "heavy" with Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery in "Min and Bill." Methy Goldwyn-Mayer's vivid drama of the fisheries, which will be shown to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre. George Hill directed the picture with a notable cast which includes Dorothy Jordan, Marjorie Rambeau, Donald Dillaway, De Witt Jennings, Frank McGlynn and Greta Gould.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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 Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1931.

EXCHANGES.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROSPECTS.

Will Craigengower Beat The Recreio?

YACHT CLUB'S HARD NUT.

(By "Short Head.")

Toward the end of another week the sole cause for anxiety is the weather. No practices were possible during the week until last night, and even then the overcast sky was ominous as regard the prospects for to-morrow. It can only be hoped that the Fates will be as kind as they were a week ago, and that a full programme of League fixtures will be played to a finish. The list is as under:

Division I.

Kowloon Dock (52) v. Civil Service (58).
Craigengower (58) v. Club de Recreio (45).
Police (64) v. Kowloon C.C. (66).
Talkoo (54) v. Bowling Green Club (47).

Division II.

Club de Recreio (76) v. Craigengower (47).
Civil Service (67) v. Electric R.C. (60).
Kowloon C.C. (54) v. Yacht Club (82).
Bowling Green Club (63) v. Talkoo (52).
Figures in parenthesis denote last season's results.

Kowloon Dock v. C.S.C.C.

A year ago the Civil Service won by six shots, but the previous year they went down by the formidable total of 86-34. Last Saturday's heavy defeat of the Dock by their Portuguese friends is not likely to upset the Dock's equilibrium—if anything, it is likely to spur them on to avenge last season's defeat by the Civil Service. Nor need their defeat by nine shots by the K.B.G.C. last Saturday worry the Civil Service. It is hinted in one paper that the absence of a certain skip made all the difference in that result. Those who witnessed the game know better than that! However, the Civil Servants had not this particular skip when they won last season and they will still be without him to-morrow—and are just as confident of winning as are the Dock players.

C.C.C. v. Recreio.

A year ago the Craigengower Club won by 58-45, but the year before they ran away with the game by 82-44. The Recreio are no whit inferior to their form last season, and it is quite on the cards that they may stage a surprise to-morrow and take both points back to King's Park. If enthusiasm after last Saturday's big "kill" against the Kowloon Dock counts for anything the Craigengower will be well advised not to take them too cheaply. Much will depend on how the respective skips are drawn against each other.

Police v. K.C.C.

Last season the K.C.C. were rather lucky to win by a couple of shots, as they did a couple of years ago. Their early successes this season are likely to give the K.C.C. plenty of confidence, but that will not deter the Police from going all out to win on their own green. They have tasted defeat twice, but they have by no means been disgraced. A win, even by a small margin, against the K.C.C. would do their young colts a lot of good to-morrow.

Talkoo v. K.B.G.C.

The K.B.G.C. have never been too happy at Talkoo; the margin against them last season being 64-47, whilst the year before it was 56-51. Their display last Saturday against the Civil Service was none too convincing to warrant any prediction of a win to-morrow, although they may take heart from the result of the visit of the K.C.C. to Talkoo a week ago. The Talkoo team on paper looks as formidable as ever, but they seem unable to bag the necessary points. They may turn the corner toward success to-morrow.

DIVISION II.

De Recreio v. Craigengower.

Last season the Recreio swamped the Craigengower team by 76-47, but last year before by 62-40. The result to-morrow may hinge on the requirements for players for the First Division team, but, even if depleted to a certain extent, they ought to be in the form shown by both sides so far this season to be able to register

another win at Craigengower's expense.

Civil Service v. Electric Co.

Last season the Civil Service nearly got a fright, winning by just seven shots, but a couple of years ago they won by 78-46. The advantage of ground to-morrow should stand them in good stead and bring another couple of points.

K.C.C. v. Yacht Club.

The Yacht Club last season won by the healthy margin of 82-51, and the previous season by 71-45, so that the K.C.C. have considerable leeway to make up this season. The Yacht Club, good as they are to-day, are not likely to take the K.C.C. too lightly and the figures at the conclusion are likely to be much closer than those of the past two seasons.

K.B.G.C. v. Talkoo.

Last season the ground team won by 63-52 and the result is likely to be about the same to-morrow. The K.B.G.C. did well to draw with the Yacht Club a week ago and this is likely to give the necessary confidence in to-morrow's match.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Division I.

Club de Recreio:—Dr. R. A. C. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

E. L. Barros, P. A. Yvanovich, L. A. Gutierrez, and C. E. Marques (Skip).

A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Kowloon Bowling G.C.:—J. Rodger, G. H. Sheriff, H. Nish, and W. Russell (Skip).

R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, G. E. Roylance, and D. F. Warren (Skip).

G. J. Chambers, T. Fergusson, E. W. L. Hogbin, and L. Guy (Skip).

Talkoo R.C.:—G. McLeod, S. C. P. Amery, J. Russell, and R. Wallace (Skip).

J. B. Chapman, J. Sloan, W. Weir, and J. Ferguson (Skip).

T. Stainton, J. Polson, J. Laing, and N. Drummond (Skip).

Kowloon Dock R.C.:—H. G. Cooper, G. Henderson, J. Punchedon, and P. Cullen (Skip).

C. Atkinson, J. A. Lindsay, P. C. Goodman, and J. C. Brown (Skip).

W. P. Hedley, J. V. Ramsay, H. M. McTavish, and R. Lapsley (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.:—F. Jones, W. Westlake, J. Deakin, and J. Hollidge (Skip).

Jas. T. Dobbie, L. E. Longbottom, E. L. Holland, and A. O. Brown (Skip).

S. Randle, S. E. Alderman, A. H. Oswick, and J. Gregory (Skip).

Division II.

Talkoo R.C.:—S. Hope, J. J. Whyte, D. C. Speirs, and T. Grimes (Skip).

J. Mitchell, W. Cunningham, R. M. Keown, and D. Munro (Skip).

W. Brown, T. Swan, W. Bell, and R. K. Duncan (Skip).

Kowloon Bowling G.C.:—H. F. Stoneham, J. J. Cameron, W. E. Hale, and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).

G. E. F. Thompson, G. Rodger, H. H. Rose, and W. S. Drake (Skip).

Electric R.C.:—F. Normington, J. Sloan, G. T. Padgett, and A. Webster (Skip).

N. S. McKay, G. Thompson, S. Deacon, and W. H. B. Muskett (Skip).

R. C. Butler, C. E. Gahagan, D. S. Hill, and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.:—P. Knight, C. Strange, R. L. Wood, and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

L. Lockhart, J. Shand, A. E. Murphy, and H. Strange (Skip).

N. Bebbington, J. Willmott, L. Jack, and W. Bickford (Skip).

Club de Recreio:—F. Prata, J. M. S. Rosario, A. Y. Barros, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

F. Xavier, J. J. Basto, J. M. M. Alras, and F. V. Ribeiro (Skip).

M. F. Baptista, H. Rosario, E. M. Remados, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).

KENT STILL MAINTAIN 100% STANDARD.

Defeat Northants by Ten Wickets.

HARDINGE IN FORM.

London, Yesterday.
Kent maintained their 100 per cent. championship status when they defeated Northants at Northampton to-day by ten wickets.

Battling first, the home county, compiled 188 runs, "Tich" Freeman claiming half the wickets for 85 runs. Kent did not have matters their own way in their attempt to gain a lead, but eventually finished 35 runs ahead. V. W. C. Jupp, the Northants skipper, took 6 wickets for 99 runs. In their second innings Northants found Hardinge in irresistible form with the ball and consequently totalled but 136 runs. Hardinge, one of Kent's most useful all-rounders, captured 5 wickets at a cost of just over 2 runs apiece. Requiring 102 runs for victory, Kent won by ten wickets.

The southern county is making a big bid for championship honours and it is to be hoped that their spirited effort in these early stages will be maintained throughout the season. In these days of 15 points for a win and a mere 5 points for a win on first innings attractive cricket is required for the garnering of major points. Kent's three victories to date were registered against Essex (innings and 47 runs), Derbyshire (nine wickets), and today's victory against Northamptonshire.

The full result as cabled by Reuter is as follows:—

Kent beat Northamptonshire by ten wickets at Northampton.

Scores:—
Northants: 188 (Freeman 5 for 85); 136 (Hardinge 5 for 12).
Kent: 223 (V. W. C. Jupp 6 for 99); 103 for no wicket.

BRITISH HOPE BOWS THE KNEE.

Al Brown Wins on Technical K.O.

MARKED SUPERIORITY

London, Yesterday.
Al Brown, the world's bantam-weight champion, defeated Teddy Baldock, the British hope, on a technical knock out at Olympia.

The referee intervened in the twelfth round of the fifteen round contest when Baldock was on his knees for the fourth time in that round. As both boxers fought at nine stone the title was not at stake.

The Panama negro sent Baldock to the boards four times in the twelfth round once for a count of eight and three times for a count of nine. The winner reigned in blows from all angles, and it was when Baldock was on his knees for the fourth time in the twelfth round that the referee intervened.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.				
	P.	W.	D.	L.
Recreio	2	0	0	124 84
C.C.C.	2	0	0	127 83
K.C.C.	2	0	0	130 108
C.S.C.C.	2	1	0	124 115
K.B.G.C.	2	1	0	113 117
Talkoo	2	0	0	210 125
K. Dock	2	0	0	2 88 129
Police	2	0	0	2 90 134

Division II.				
	P.	W.	D.	L.
K.C.C.	2	0	0	150 86
K.B.G.C.	2	1	0	123 107
Yacht C.	2	1	0	117 101
Talkoo	2	1	0	144 102
C.S.C.C.	2	1	0	123 113
Recreio	2	1	0	115 147
C.C.C.	2	0	0	210 145
Electric	2	0	0	2 73 147

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

Division I.				
	For	Agst.	Up	Down
Recreio	124	84	40	0
C.C.C.	127	83	39	0
K.C.C.	130	108	22	0
C.S.C.C.	124	115	9	0
K.B.G.C.	113	117	0	4
Talkoo	210	125	0	21
K. Dock	88	129	0	41
Police	90	134	0	44

The full results of the play in the Semi-final rounds in the British Amateur Golf Championship will be found on Page 1.

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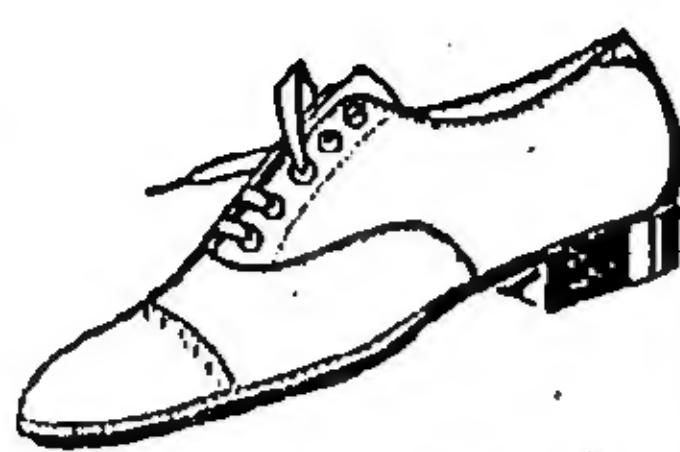
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Two Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of highway robbery in the Colony, were sentenced at the Criminal Sessions to three years' hard labour each. The full account of the trial appears in the current issue of the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The future of Hong Kong as an air port was graphically prophesied at the weekly tiffin of the Rotarian Club of Hong Kong by Wing-Commander A. W. F. Glenny, R.A.F., who went on to suggest what geographical advantages the Colony possessed in this respect. A full account appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Cases brought before the Kowloon Magistrate, in which soldiers of the garrison were concerned, caused indignation amongst their colleagues. Reports of the occurrences, with all necessary reserve, appear in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Outstanding in the sporting world in Hong Kong was the victory of the Australian pony, Woodland Stag, carrying 180 lb. Full descriptions of the races, together with future prospects, are included in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

What is a logical time to finish a drink? The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL carries a report of an interesting case heard before the Central Magistrate, as to the ruling on law. In the end, a nominal fine was imposed, after some arresting legal argument.

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DRY WEATHER FREAKS.

[By "The Linksman."]

Golf is a game of many implements. In no game is the exponent offered so great a choice of "weapons" wherewith to pursue his thorny path of achievement. Herein lies one of the difficulties of the game. At cricket, lawn tennis, football or any other of the popular sports you have a bat, a racket, a ball, or something definite and distinct. But at golf you can have as many as twenty different clubs and require all of them in a single round. Wherefore it is sometimes difficult to know which of them to choose.

The Americans have graded clubs with definite markings on them to tell how far is their scope, and with an automatic swing they just take that club out of their bag which gives them the proper distance. But I am not so sure that the mechanized system of play would appeal to the man who goes to the links for pleasure writes "The Linksman." When it is a business it is a different matter.

But I, in common with tens of thousands of other golfers, prefer to use my "savvy," to consider the conditions, and then take the club which I think is right. I should get very fed up with the game if it was played rather by my club than by myself.

A Fine Effort.

What I like is the heroic shot which takes a man out of difficulty and by its sheer achievement sends the pendulum of advantage swinging from one man to another. The finest shot of this description I ever saw was at Walton Heath during a final of the big match-play championship between George Duncan and Abe Mitchell. George was having rather the better of things, and he looked like winning. At the sixteenth Abe Mitchell was bunkered from his drive, and George's ball sat nicely up in the middle of the fairway. It was, or it looked to be, George's hole, for however well Abe got out of the hazard George was almost certain to put his next one on the green. But Abe took a wooden club, forgot about the hazard, and took a full shot as the only way of getting on terms with his opponent.

It meant that either he could save the situation or else that he could make what was nearly certain an accomplished fact. The situation called for a heroic shot, and Abe made it. He put his ball on the green, and George was a little shaken by it.

Actually Abe won that hole, and proceeded to win the match, and there is not the foggiest doubt that that single shot secured the championship for Abe Mitchell.

Dry Weather FREAKS.

I have seen, and have even played, other freakish shots. During the recent spell of hot dry weather I played on several greens which were in abnormal condition. They were full of bumps and little craters, there was very little grass on their surfaces, and they were nothing like accurate. Wherefore, instead of putting I pitched with a mashie, and on one occasion actually used a niblick to get out of a crack in the ground.

And I did very much better than those opponents who stuck to their putters because it was the orthodox thing to do.

Newman plays in the manner of a highly skilled workman, while Lindrum conveys the impression that he is the complete and final master of his craft. When Newman is engaged in keeping the balls together for a sequence of delicate cannons there is a slight feeling of strain in the air. It is as though every one present fears that he will hit the object ball a trifle too hard. The spectator sits back when Lindrum manoeuvres the balls to a cushion.—Trevor C. Wignall.

LIMITATION OF HAZARDS.

Ruling of Billiards Championship.

THE TIME LIMIT.

[By "Spot Ball."]

The eliminating process among the London players who entered for the Amateur Billiards Championship is steadily proceeding, and the second round contestants are actually the cream of the entrants, there being no "fluke" victories in the opening stages. All the successful contenders won fairly easily, the narrowest victory having been that of A. J. Skinner, who defeated L. Stroud by 182. Their heat also produced the lowest aggregates, viz., 900 and 718, which can scarcely be regarded as a satisfactory return for four hours' play, at least, so far as championship aspirations are concerned.

But credit is due to these veterans, who, with Captain Cronen, have remained faithful to the competition, in spite of the changed conditions recently introduced, such as composition balls for ivory, time limits, and restrictions regarding successive strokes.

This competition has afforded an opportunity of seeing how far the limitation of hazards tends to improve the game. A quite erroneous impression prevails in some quarters as to the object of the Billiards Control Council in making the regulation as an experiment restricting consecutive hazards to fifteen; the question being asked—why amateur players should be so handicapped, while skilled professional players are still permitted to score 25 hazards.

To Develop All-Round Game.

That, of course, is not the point the Council had in mind. The various restrictions that have, in recent years, been imposed upon professional players have had little or no effect in checking the compilation of big breaks, and whether further legislation is desirable is a moot point. But as regards amateur play, which is in quite a different category, the sole idea was to endeavour, without adopting too drastic methods, to induce players to develop their all-round game and to refrain from undue reliance upon one particular stroke.

Thus far the new regulation has only infrequently been called into operation. Each time the player has had no difficulty in getting position for the necessary cannon, and, on the whole, the experiment has been eminently successful.

With regard to the time limit, under which the championship is being played there is not quite the same satisfaction, as invariably the competitor who got the first run of the balls and established an early advantage was ultimately successful. The other man is handicapped by knowing, at a certain period, that however he might try, by defensive tactics or otherwise, time is against him in his efforts to deprive his opponent of the spoils. It would not be fair to go so far as to assert that the player in the lead deliberately slows down in his execution in order to occupy the table as long as possible, as all the competitors are too good sportsmen to lend themselves to such tactics, but the occasion might arise when this will be done.

Not Suitable.

While a time limit is eminently desirable in the case of professional games owing to the prolific scoring nowadays, rendering the setting of a definite number of points almost impossible, I, personally, am of opinion that the method is scarcely suitable for amateur matches, and more particularly in a championship, says "Spot Ball" in the Sports Dispatch. There is little incentive for the rear man to battle, as he might if the limit were in points and not in time.

Taking the form shown in the first round of the London qualifying section, generally, there has been little to enthuse about. Sidney Lee reached three figures on three occasions in his heat, but in only two of the other seven games have hundred breaks been made, these being by R. L. Bennett and H. F. Smith. Lee might have done better things had his opposition been stronger, but

DENMARK IN THE LEAD.

United States Play Canada.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.

In the third round of the Davis Cup to-day Denmark, as the result of the doubles match, took the lead against Poland by two matches to one.

Full results as cabled by Reuters are as follows:—
Ulrich and Henriksen (Denmark) beat Stolarow and Tloczynski (Poland) 6-4, 7-9, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Earlier Results.
Henriksen (Denmark) defeated Hobbs (Poland) 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.
Tloczynski (Poland) beat Ulrich (Denmark) 8-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

United States v. Canada.
Montreal, Yesterday.
In their first real opposition in the Davis Cup the United States finished up the day's play against Canada on level terms, both countries winning a singles match.

The results as cabled by Reuters are as follows:—
Shields (U.S.A.) beat Wright (Canada) 8-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Marcel Rainville (Canada) beat Sidney Wood (U.S.A.) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

such speculation is vain, and one must be guided solely by what actually happens.

Lee may be regarded as certain to reach the final from his half of the section, and in the bottom half H. F. Smith appears to possess the best chance. He will probably have to meet Captain Cronen in the semi-final, and as the veteran ex-Scottish champion retains his form in remarkable manner, Smith may experience some difficulty in beating him.

Apart from Lee, Captain Cronen possesses greater constructive ability than any other player in the London section, and all his breaks are made with careful precision, so that it is quite within reason to anticipate his appearance in the sectional final. And should he reach that stage he will once more figure in the competition proper, as the two London finalists will be included. In fact, the probable semi-final between Smith and Cronen promises to be actually the most interesting of this subsidiary tournament.

The 500-Break Game.

The professional matches in the provinces are not exciting a great deal of interest, and it seems pretty evident that they are being contested in an "end of the season" or holiday spirit. Newman maintains his newly acquired reputation for "staying," and secured a creditable victory over Lindrum at Dundee, after being deprived of the lead on the final day, and he is again playing steadily at Burnley. The announcement that in the last match between these two at Birmingham, nothing less than 500 breaks will be recorded, has aroused interest, and there are anticipations of some heavy scoring.

The method of some club players handicapping themselves to breaks of a certain denomination, in games with less well-equipped opponents, is well known, but I am unable to recall any professional match being played under these conditions. There need be no doubt that both players will exert themselves to register as many "countable" breaks as possible in the fortnight, and spectators, therefore, are promised a good set-to.

There will be few days between the conclusion of this match and the departure of Lindrum and Newman for Australia, but it is understood that opportunity will be found for a function at which the Empire tournament trophies will be presented. This should prove an occasion upon which everybody who is anybody in the billiards world will be brought together.

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Canton Ins.	1800	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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Douglas	35	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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Bongkwa	94	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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Langkat (Single) Tls.	4,95	...	Oct.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
S'hai Exploration Tls.	2	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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*Rauhe	38	...	Mar.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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H. K. & W. Docks	106	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H. K. & W. Docks	34	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
South Ch. Motors	10	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
*China Provident (old)	5,80	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(new)	2,70	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Hongkong Tls.	283	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
N. Engineering Tls.	3	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Shanghai Docks Tls.	112	...	Apr.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	18	(17,50)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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(Rts.)	84	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H.K. Lands	92	(92)	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Shanghai Lands Tls.	49	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Humphreys (old)	194	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(new)	19	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H. K. Realities	14,15	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Chinese Estates	90	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	18,00	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Shanghai Cotton Tls.	104	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Zhong Sigi Tls.	112	...	June	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	21	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Peak Tram (old)	141	...	Apr.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(new)	64	...	Apr.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Star Ferry	95	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
*China Light	304	...	Sept.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H. K. Electric	81	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Macao	23	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Sandakan Light	12	...	June	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H.K. Tel. fully paid	58	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(part paid)	80	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
China Buss	16,60	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	5/3	...	Sept.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(Pref.)	107	...	Sept.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Industrials.						
China Sugar	80cts	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Malayan Sugar	30	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Cald. Mag. Ord.	14	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Prefer. Tls.	104	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Canton Ins.	4	...	July	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
*Cements (com.)	204	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(old)	14	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(new)	5,05	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H. K. Rops	224	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	27	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Watsons	104	(104)	Oct.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Der A. Wings	1	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Lanc. Ceylons	7	...	Feb.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Mackintosh	18	...	Feb.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Sincere	14	...	Feb.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Wm. Powells	31	...	Feb.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement (old)	254	...	Mar.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
(new)	234	...	Mar.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
Ch. Entertainment	174	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
H. K. Constructions	8,40	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus \$1 for 1930-31] Mar. 31
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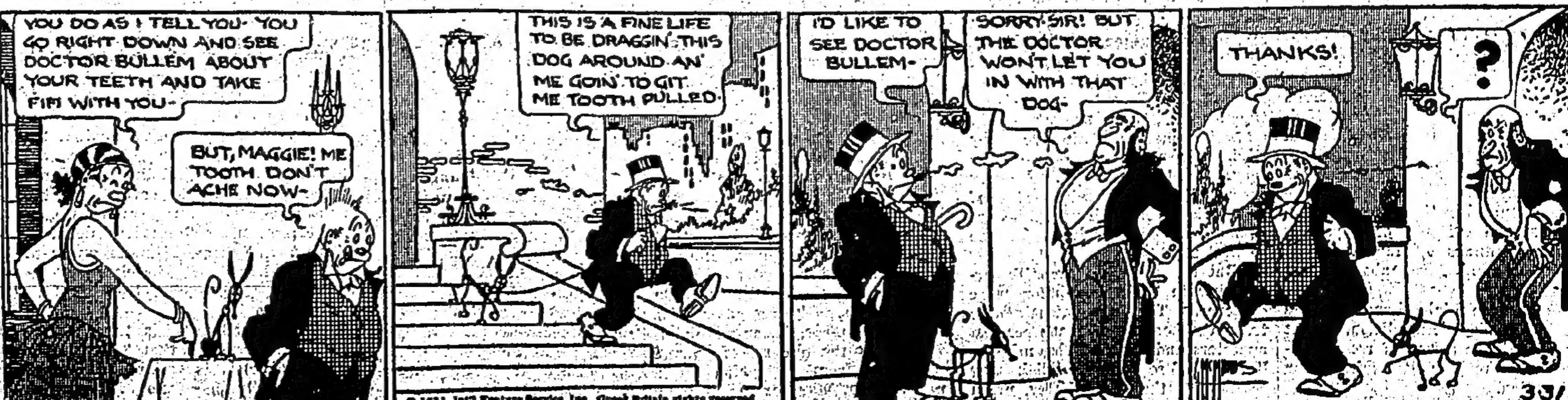
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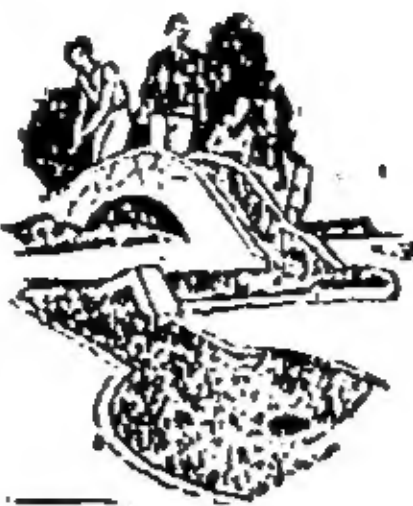
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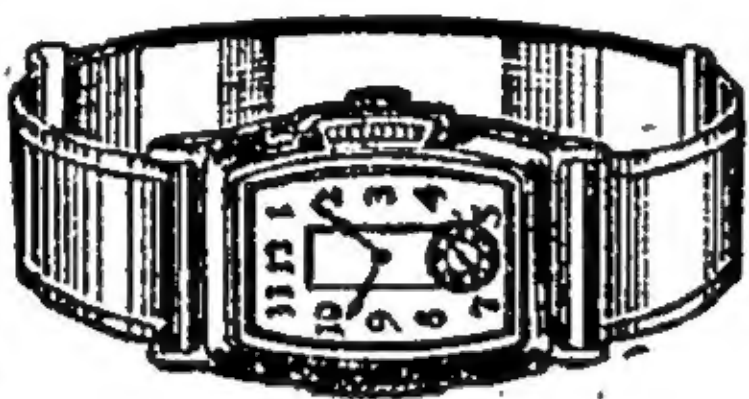
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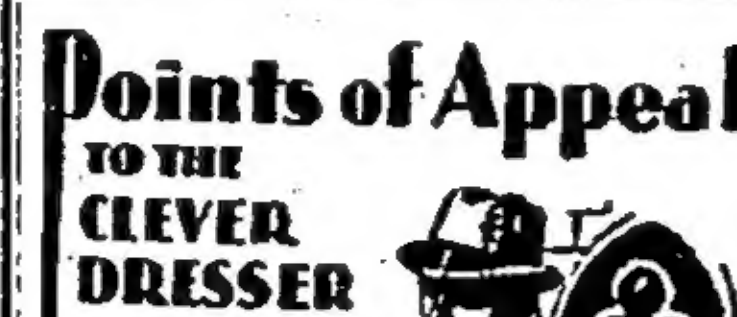
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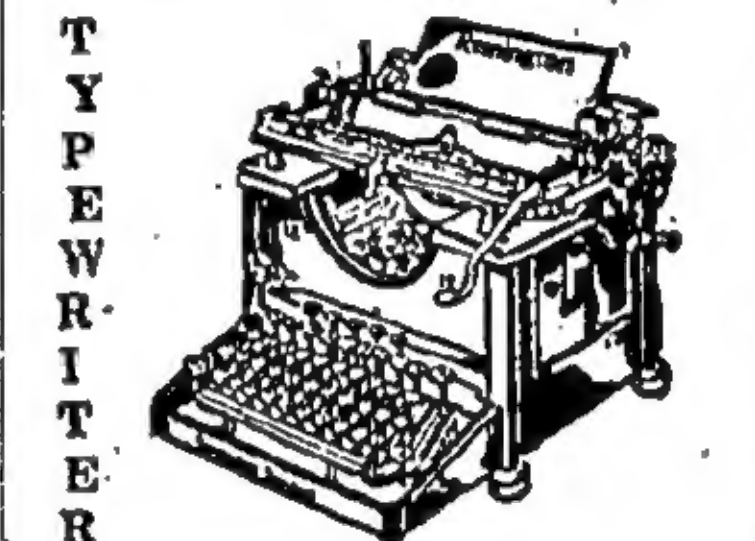
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MISSING LINK.

The Sunday Times learns that a
new quest for the "Missing Link"
is to be made in Central Asia, which
many scientists believe to have
been man's earliest home.

Professor G. Elliot Smith, who
was in China last Autumn, states
that an expedition is now going
from Peking to the valley of the
Tarim, in Eastern Turkistan, there
to seek traces of the most primitive
forms of human life, or of the apes
from which man—according to the
theories of modern science—was
evolved.

The expedition will be led by
Pere Teilhard de Chardin and a
Chinese paleontologist, Dr. C. C.
Young, both of whom were in the
expedition which discovered the
"Peking Man" in 1929.

Father Teilhard de Chardin is
one of the very highest authorities
on the fossil remains of mammals
in Asia.

Professor Davidson Black, of the
"Peking Man" expedition, believes
that important discoveries bearing
on the beginnings of human life
may be found near the sources of
the Tarim. This river flows for
1,500 miles across Central Asia till
it loses itself in the Lob-nor Lake.
No systematic exploration has been
made there.

Ancient Breeding-Ground.
There is a theory that myriads of
ages ago—it may be a million years,
or millions—the climate of that
part of the world was highly favour-
able to mammalian life and that it
became a breeding-ground where
originated great groups of animals
now spread over the world.

Extraordinary hauls of fossils
have been made. Dr. Svan Hed-
lin's expedition, in 1927-28, found
thirty dinosaurs. Mr. Roy Chap-
man Andrews, the American ex-
plorer, discovered traces of a Stone
Age culture in the Central Asian
wastes, and evidence of a popula-
tion of millions of human beings.
That, he thinks, was about 20,000
years ago.

There are high hopes of the
Tarim Valley Expedition. "At
first it will be a sort of reconnais-
sance—a search for sites suitable for
excavation."

scientific research may be expected
shortly," Professor Elliot Smith told
the Sunday Times; and no one
speaks with higher authority.

"Some people suggests," he con-
tinued, that the area where the cave
containing the fossils of the Peking
Man was found in December, 1929,
is the home of the human family.

"The objection to that theory is
that the 'Peking Man' is only one of
three contemporaries, the others being
the 'Ape Man' of Java, found in
1891, and the 'Pitdown Man' found
in Sussex in 1912.

"Early fossils of apes of the
Miocene period were found in the
Sivalik Hills, in India, and
scientists engaged in excavating the
"Peking Man" have put forward the
theory that the great factor which
led to the evolution of man was the
raising of the Himalayas at the
beginning of the Miocene period.

Separation of the Ape.
"The raising of the Himalayas
cut off one group of these apes from
India, and north of those ranges
they would be subjected to entirely
new climatic conditions; so they had
to adapt themselves to the new cir-
cumstances or become wiped out.

"The scientists favouring this theory
regard an area north of the Sin-
kiang province of China as the like-
ly locality in which to find the
link.

"Man, or a very closely related
anthropoid, actually did exist in
Eastern Asia at the close of
Tertiary, or the beginning of
Quaternary, time.

"The history of the search for the
missing link is of peculiar interest.
In 1891 Dr. Eugene Dubois exam-
ined a series of likely deposits of
gravel in Java, until by a marvellous
chance he found the 'Ape-Man.'

"Then, in 1912, the late Mr.
Charles Dawson, after many months
of observation in a particular patch
of gravel at Pitdown, Sussex, was
rewards by finding the fossil re-
mains of man there, while the
"Peking Man" has been made known
to us as the outcome of a compre-
hensive search, extending over
several years, by a team of investi-
gators of different nationalities.

One, after another men of insight
and imagination, stimulated by
slight clues, pushed on with the
search until bit by bit there was
recovered the impressive series of
relics which establish upon a secure
foundation our knowledge of the
earliest men.

"But the scientists are still per-
severing in their search for more
evidence. They are determined to
trace the homes of man's earliest
ancestors and to find the missing
link. Before long that link may
be found in the Tarim Valley, north
of the Himalayas."

"DREARY" ESSEX.

SOME OF ITS
ROMANCE.

CHARM OF A MAP.

An eminent traveller has de-
clared Essex to be a dreary
county, devoid of charm or history.
Yet a map of Essex once
saved a man from possible insani-
ty. Home-sickness reaches a ter-
rible intensity in desert places.
The man was isolated in the Ara-
bian Desert, ninety miles of hot
sand from the nearest oasis, ex-
hausted, with a dwindling water
supply, and dependent upon the
fortune of a single Arab dispatched
to the oasis for relief. There
were no sounds, only an eerie,
aching silence. There was but
one colour, a vivid feeble yellow
that ate into the mind. The man
was three thousand miles from
England.

But among his maps was a half-
inch-to-the-mile sheet of Essex.
Somehow, while packing for the
expedition many months previous-
ly at home, it had been slipped
in among the desert charts. It
was a green map, with estuaries
and sheets of water printed in
blue, with large forest areas pick-
ed out in conventional trees. It
was cool and quiet and comely. It
was England. On it the man read
such names as these: Magdalen
Laver, Woodriden, Molehill Green,
Abbess Roding, Good Easter . . .

They acted as a lulling seda-
tive upon nerves that were taut-
ened to fracture-point. The peace
of England, the soft sounds of
moving leaves and plashing water
and bird song were suddenly pre-
sent. When the Arab returned
with water, help, and two fresh
cannels, he found the man sleep-
ing, refreshed, and normal.

The Roding.
For fifteen miles along an un-
dulating, winding ridge Epping
Forest sprawls like a sleeping
primalval monster. Westward its
green claw-like spurs, heavily
timbered, stretch down to the
valley of the Lea. To the east
the forest oaks and elms and horn-
beams cease above broad meadow
slopes that drop lazily to the nar-
row valley of the Roding. The
Roding is a strange, hidden little
river. In the twentieth century
it still flows through an England
of a thousand years ago. The
Roding finishes squalidly in Bark-
ing Creek, opposite a gas works.
But its source, near Molehill
Green, in the heart of Saxon
Essex, is from a spring in a
meadow not far from an inn
where folk yet speak in the slow

East Anglian accent that has not
vastly altered in intonation since
Harold's men marched through
the valley on their way to magni-
ficent defeat at Hastings.

They play darts at the inn, as
they do in all the hostleries of
Western Essex. In all forest re-
gions darts have stubbornly held
their own against the inroads of
bowls and quoits. The small
feathered dart of to-day is the
direct descendant of the yard-long
arrow which twanged from a
seven-foot yew bow—in peace at a
mark set upon a tree, with a pot
of ale for a prize, in war grimly
against all assailants of this green
and lovely England.

One men swore by St. George
and were lusty with the quarter-
staff. A mighty pot of ale cost
but a groat. Pestilent little
coloured slips containing a cherry
on a stick and Americongroid ex-
plives from Chicago were uncon-
ceived. The Rodings and the
Lavers. (There are eight Rodings
and three Lavers) have not much
altered in the passing of eight
hundred years. The eleven vil-
lages ring a pocket of England, a
lovely secret that has remained
intact down the centuries.

From the church tower of Mag-
dalen Lave the yellow haze of
London is visible any night. High
roads with devouring motor-
coaches are but a few fields dis-
tant. But the peace, the colours,
and a sort of spiritual atmosphere
of other and greater days survive.

In the church of High Laver
Edward Sulyard and "hys wyfe
Myrabyll" sleep, still dreaming, I
hope, of an April day in 1499
when they "did see freshe dewe
upon the small twiggys and
grasses and the sun by hys virtue
did make them shyne and that is
grete joye and liking to the
heartie."

The King's Ride from Pleshey.
A few miles east of the Rodings
(pronounced Rothinges locally, in
which the long-lingering Saxon
speech is again evident) lies the
moated village of Pleshey. A
great arch of moated brick is all
that remains of the castle, in
which a secret service drama of
the fourteenth century was played.

"After dynner the Kyng departed
from Haverynge with a small
company, and came to Pleshey
about V. a clock; the wyder was
fayre and hote." Thus Froissart,
concerning Richard the Second.
The Duke of Gloucester, Richard's
uncle, whose policies the King
found inconvenient, was then in
residence at Pleshey Castle. Dur-
ing dinner the King showed the
Duke marked affection, and after-
wards arrangements were made

for a return to London, the King
requesting the Duke to ride with
him.

The cavalcade consisted of the
King, the Duke, three esquires,
four yeomen, and seven servants.
Near Stratford the King spurred
suddenly ahead. At once the es-
quires and yeomen closed about
the Duke, and a patrol of soldiery,
headed by the Earl Marshal, who
had been waiting in ambush, ar-
rested him. The Duke struggled,
and called loudly after the King.
Says Froissart, "I cannot tell
weder the Kyng herde him, but
he turned not, but rode the fast-
er than he dyde before." A few
weeks later the Duke of Glouces-
ter was brutally murdered by
suffocation.

A monk of the period, who gave
information to Froissart, called
Pleshey by its traditional name of
Tumblestone. The name is singu-
larly expressive, even to-day. For
in cutting the great castle moat
which surrounds the whole present
village, earth levels were tossed
and tumbled into gigantic disor-
derly masses. Some cottages
back against the remains of high
grass ramparts. Others, perched
where once watch turrets had
their foundations, peer down upon
the jungle of trees and under-
growth which now fills most
stretches of the moat.

Pleshey people revenged the
murder of their duke a few years
later, when they seized the Duke
of Exeter, a half-brother of the
King, who had been implicated in
the plot, at Prittlewell, carried
him back to Pleshey and relieved
him of his head.—Manchester
Guardian.

PARTY BRIBERY.

Sensational Statement By Prime
Minister.

The accusation of party bribery
made by the Prime Minister has
startled political circles.

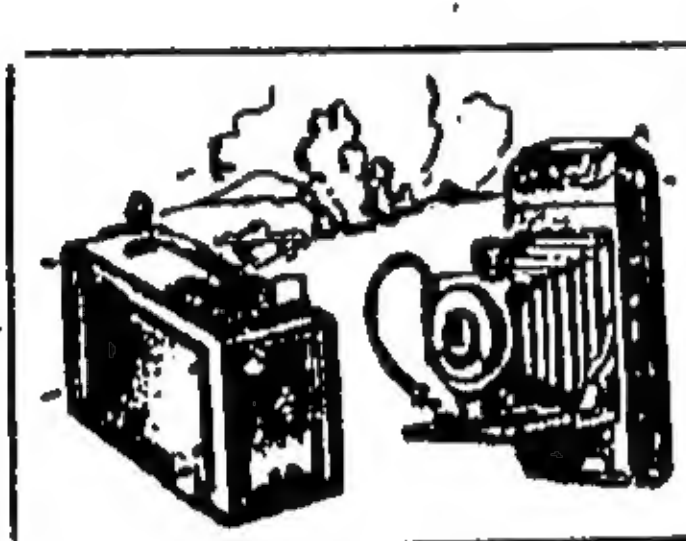
Discussing a statement in a
speech by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald
at West Bromwich that some
Liberals who voted in favour
of the censure motion against the
Government on April 16 were ac-
tually assured that they would not
be opposed by Conservatives at the
next election, Mr. Neville Cham-
berlain, in an interview, declared
that "the Prime Minister ought to
be ashamed of himself that he
should make such a baseless state-
ment."

Mr. MacDonald, in turn, inter-
viewed, retorted that "Mr. Neville
Chamberlain is talking of things
he really has no information
about."

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

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HORIZONTAL
1-To approach
5-A kind of beer
10-Deep (charge) sleep
14-To declare posi-
tively
15-To clothe or dress
16-Greek god of war
17-Perplexing predic-
ament
18-Notched like a saw
21-Crest's highest
mount
22-The superior of an
abbot
23-A drink
24-One who cares for
the sick
25-Combining term—
equal
27-A sack
29-Ocean
31-Natives of Serbia
34-War-sailing demon
35-All correct (abbr.)
37-Disloyalty to the
state
38-Conjunction
40-Musical note
41-Having made a will
before death
42-Prison
44-Of sound mind
45-Partaining to blood
46-Human beings
48-Profession

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
51-Conjunction
52-To give remedies to
55-Sick
57-To guide a boat with
a rudder
58-Fairy
61-Skillness
64-British territory in
W. Africa
66-Freeze
67-To accumulate
69-A city of Massa-
chusetts
70-Dried and yellow
chickens
71-A dependency of
China
72-Chopping tool (pl.)

VERTICAL
1-A Turkish
magistrate
2-Old Roman poet
3-Mixture or medley
4-Slower than
5-Young sheep
6-Same as arabesque
7-Greek (abbr.)
8-The Orient
9-One of the grains
10-Wheeled vehicle
11-Public speakers
12-To asport
13-Akron
18-Ten spot
22-Ten dimes
24-Chair

VERTICAL (Cont.)
27-Founder of Salva-
tion Army
28-To concur
30-In
32-Carried
33-Ornament of con-
tempt
35-Same as rattan
36-Not in
38-Wheel track in a
road
42-Of less size
43-One of the Pilgrim
Fathers
44-A type measure
45-Arduous
47-Nearly extinct New
Zealand bird
53-Dried in the sun or
in smoke (Boat)
54-A unit of work and
energy
55-An Egyptian
56-Parasitic insect (pl.)
57-Prefix—half
58-Slender mark or
stroke
60-Device for agitat-
ing the air
62-A compass point
(abbr.)
63-Household pet
64-Highest note of
"Guido's scale"
65-Prefix—two

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diano

Harold Lloyd in "Foot First" be-
lieves implicitly in "Laugh and be
healthy" and in this his second
Talkie, you will have ample oppor-
tunity to do likewise. The whole
Company went in the "Malolo" to
Honolulu to take certain scenes.
They were treated like Royalty
there. Harold Lloyd has no am-
bition to play "Hamlet." The man
with the horn-rimmed glasses as-
pires to do nothing more than he
does now—bring pleasure and
laughter to his world-wide au-
diences.

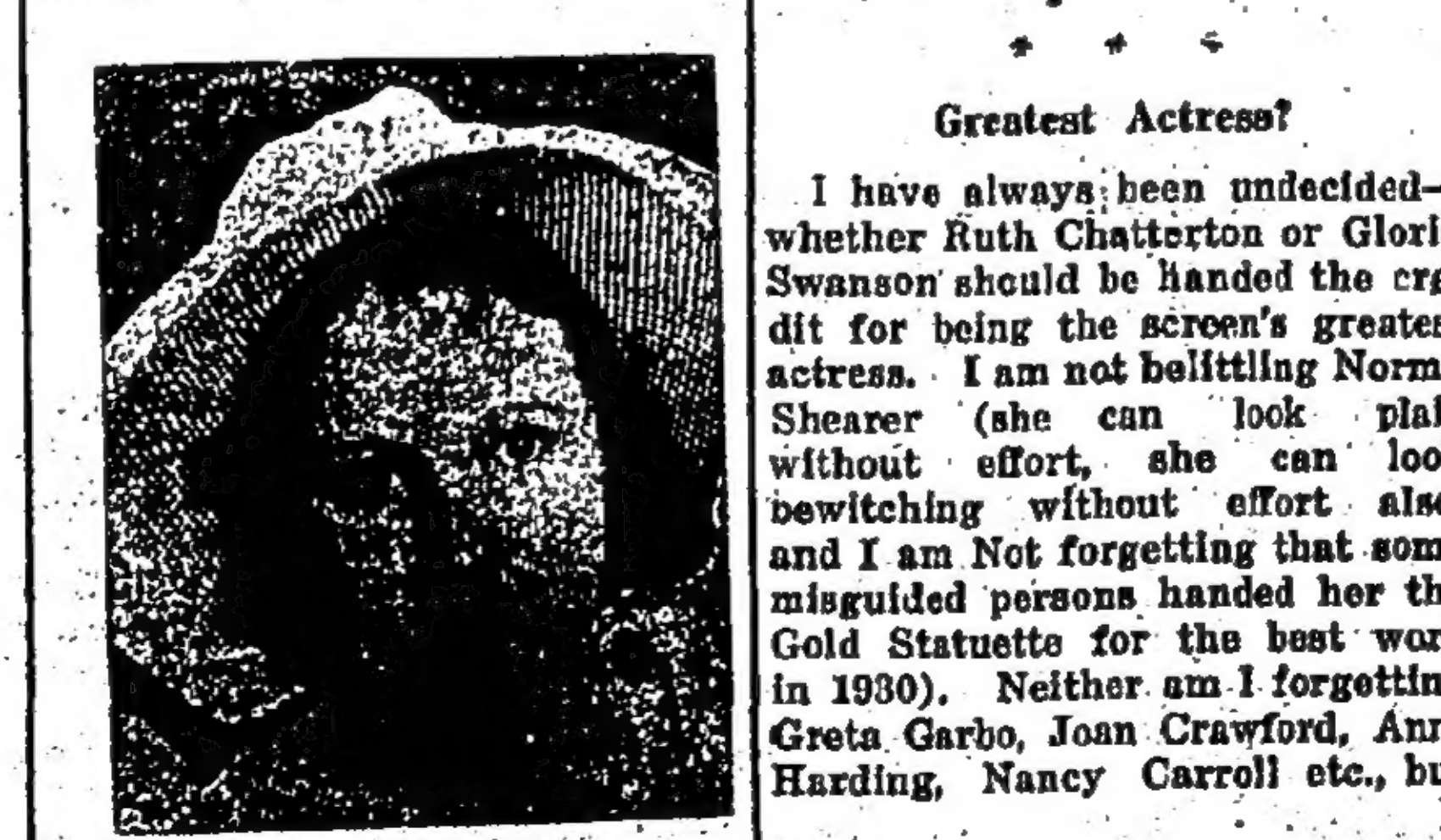
In "Foot First" one is rather re-
minded of "Safety Last." Harold
repeats many of his old gags, and
throws in many new ones, sure of
a howl. You know the kind of
stunt. Thrown upon his own on
the front of a sky-scraper, and has
to become a human fly to save his
skin. I liked the first part better,
depicting the troubled experiences
of a young shoe clerk trying to ac-
quire a selling personality. The
supporting cast—with the little
Canadian girl—Barbara Kent as
his leading lady, Lillian Leighton,
and Robert McVade are all that
one desires.

Some people think this picture
the best Harold has made—I think
everyone will see it—and perhaps
everyone enjoy it. This very
famous young man was born in
Nebraska in 1893. He played
extra roles in Western Dramas in
his early days in Hollywood, and
made his first fame with Bebe
Daniels in comedy, just after he
adopted the idea of the glasses—in
real life he does not wear them, and
is very good looking. After Bebe
went into drama, Mildred Davis was
his help-mate on the screen, and
afterwards his wife. They have
two children, a son and daughter,
and an adopted daughter also.
Their home is truly magnificent.
Money and success has not changed
the Lloyds. They are kind and
hospitable, and no one in the picture
industry is more liked. Plenty of
ambition, courage and talent has
put him where he is to-day—the
richest man in the Film World.
(King's).

"Young Man of Manhattan."
A good story of newspaper folk by
Katherine Brush, and tells the
story of the marriage of a famous
Sports writer and the young woman
who writes the Movie reviews. The
man cannot adjust himself to mar-
ried life, and the girl cannot tolerate
his weakness. Behind the drama
we see a pageant of sporting events—
baseball, football, and the fight
between Tunney and Dempsey.
Claudette Colbert and her husband,
Norman Foster, make the most of
roles, but to my way of thinking
Charles Ruggles steals the story.
Recommended. (Central).

"Min and Bill."
Oh, I know it is foolish of me to
advise. What person of intelligence
would miss a Marie Dressler pic-
ture, co-starred with Wallace Beery
in "Min and Bill?" The story is
based on Lorna Moon's novel—"The
Dark Star." Miss Dressler plays
a tough old girl who runs a saloon
on the Pacific water-front. Beery
is her paramour (polite word).
Min cares for a little girl deserted
by her drunken mother. Just as
Nancy is on the verge of happiness
the mother turns up, and is bent
upon wrecking things—so Min
shoots her. No the play is NOT a
comedy, but stark tragedy. It has
touching moments. Miss Dressler
is perfect, but really full marks
must be handed to one and all,
especially Dorothy Jordan. I do
not know of any young actress who
has so improved as this little girl

"Trader Horn."
From May 28 the Hong Kong
Amusements promise something
unprecedented. The same picture
at three Theatres—"Trader Horn."
I say truthfully that such a picture
will not come our way for a long
time. There are parts in it I loath-
ed. The scenes of animal killing,
animals in dying agony (with ac-
companying sound)—but then, I
am not sports woman enough to
favour or like fox hunting, tiger
hunting, deer stalking—such things
do not constitute amusement for
me. But I confess that is a very
great picture. I am not like that
marvellous little new-comer, Ed-
wina Booth, who in this story was
brought up on a diet of cruel-
ty. Harry Carey is perfect as the
Trader. The native uncannily
clever, Renaldo quite fair, the girl
exceptional, and she had a dashed
hard part to play—gabbling away
in a native dialect while registering
cruelty, rage, etc. etc. I was stag-
gored. I cannot use any other
words. I am like the critics in
Hollywood, who used up all their
adjectives. Thrills galore. It is
more than an African Travelogue.
It is quite a fair story, and the ac-
ting up to the mark. (Queen's, Star,
and World).



D. Jordan.

who was thrust upon an unwilling
public in "Devil-May-Care." An-
other artist who stands out in this
production is an old Trouper—
Marjorie Rambeau. I have seen
her for years on the legitimate stage
in America. Who will forget her
in "The Eyes of Youth," "The
Goldfish," and innumerable other
plays. Watch her, and see her
make another great name in the
Talkies.

What a life this woman has led!
Dressed as a boy she went to Nome,
Alaska, with her mother and grand-
mother in 1898. She used to sing

when it comes down to one word
VERSATILITY—then there are
only two nominees. Ruth Chatterton
deserves prior place because she
has done so many pictures, each
one a perfect character study.
You may not have liked her in
"Sarah and Son"—neither did I like
the play—but was she not dif-
ferent? Now let us take her lat-
est, "Anybody's Woman."

It was absorbing brilliant, and not
once did La Chatterton lose that
speech, or rather accent of the
woman she portrayed. I am won-
dering what type she will essay
next. I do not think there is any-
thing she attempts that she would
not do surpassingly. Off stage
Mrs. Forbes is brilliant, beautiful
and cultured. On the screen, she
is perfect as a drunken hag, a bad
woman, common woman, anything
and everything that spells variety.
She shares with the Swanson in the
fact—that neither is strictly beau-
tiful but they possess such perfect
figures, and HOW can they wear
their gowns? Ruth Chatterton
touches no script that she does
not adorn. Now she is one hun-
dred per cent actress. I received
another surprise in this play.
Clive Brook. Did not think he
was capable of acting so well.
Paul Lukas stole our sympathies
though. This man who was just
making headway in the Movies,
when the new medium came along,

was forced to use a double for
his voice in "The Wolf of Wall
Street," then disappeared for
eight months, while he mastered
the English language. Now a
Star in the picture intended for
William Powell—"Ladies Man,"
Paul Lukas, born in Hungary,
actor-aviator during the World
War, has been chosen by La
Chatterton for two pictures as her
lead since his success in "Any-
body's Woman." Full marks to
Dorothy Arzner, and must not for-
get Juliette Compton in her small
beautifully acted "bit." An out-
standing play. (King's).

"Hell's Angels."
A man who has an income of
thousands of dollars a month, but
who would rather die than loaf—
this is the creed of Howard
Hughes—the millionaire Director
of the finest War Picture I have
ever seen. "Hell's Angels." A
few criticisms—Miss Jean Harlow
has no recommendations whatso-
ever. There may have been a few
mistakes technically—at least my
flying pals assure me of such, but
I am an ignoramus where flying is
concerned, so I thought I'll
about perfect. Perhaps I like best
the fact that we did NOT hear
Hollywood American in the Zep-
pelin—that is mainly what spoils
"All Quiet" for me—I am daring
enough not to side with the great
critics who handed the Palm to



Grace Moore.

from "The Daughter of the Regi-
ment," and a perfect rendering of
Casta Diva from "Norma." Then,
too there is a Briton who is
rating very high in the Talkies—
Reginald Denny—More of this
play later. A treat in store for
you.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

	May 18, June, June,					
	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.
Butcher Meat.						
Beef Sirloin	中尾	每lb.	33	24	12	
" Prime Cut	中尾	"	30	28	11	
" Corned	中尾	"	—	23	12	
" Roast	中尾	"	33	24	22	
" Breast	中尾	"	30	20	18	
" Soup	中尾	"	27	20	18	
" Steak	中尾	"	33	24	22	
" Steak Sirloin	中尾	"	46	30	35	
" Sausages	中尾	"	36	23	20	
Bullock's Brains	中尾	每磅	17	10	12	
" Tongue, fresh	中尾	每磅	75	50	60	
" Tongue, corned	中尾	"	—	60	—	
" Head	中尾	每磅	\$1.20	—	\$1.20	
" Heart	中尾	每磅	14	18	14	
" Hump, Salt	中尾	"	—	20	18	
" Feet	中尾	每磅	12	10	12	
" Kidneys	中尾	"	15	10	12	
" Tail	中尾	"	27	20	22	
" Liver	中尾	每磅	14	18	14	
" Tripe	中尾	"	8	6	7	
Calves' Head & Feet	中尾	每磅	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Mutton Chop	中尾	每磅	44	26	—	
" Leg	中尾	"	44	26	—	
" Shoulder	中尾	"	40	24	—	
" Saddle	中尾	"	44	—	—	
Pig's Chittlings	中尾	每磅	30	27	—	
" Brains	中尾	每磅	18	15	—	
" Feet	中尾	"	28	15	18	
" Fry	中尾	"	18	20	—	
" Head	中尾	"	15	10	10	
" Heart	中尾	"	15	10	8	
" Kidneys	中尾	"	15	10	8	
" Liver	中尾	"	36	25	23	
Pork Chop	中尾	每磅	37	—	—	
" Leg	中尾	"	42	60	70	
" Loin	中尾	"	26	21	—	
" Fat or Land	中尾	每磅	90	60	70	
Sheep's Head & Feet	中尾	每磅	12	8	7	
" Heart	中尾	"	15	12	10	
" Kidneys	中尾	"	45	25	25	
" Liver	中尾	"	25	25	22	
Sucking Pig, to order	中尾	"	80	50	18	
Eust, Beef	中尾	"	98	28	26	
" Mutton	中尾	"	22	20	20	
Veal	中尾	"	28	—	—	
" Sausages	中尾	"	82	—	—	
Fish.						
Barbel	中尾	每磅	44	16	24	
Bream	中尾	"	26	20	16	
Canton Fresh Water Fish	中尾	"	23	—	—	
Carp	中尾	"	26	18	16	
Catfish	中尾	"	32	16	27	
Codfish	中尾	"	30	12	9	
Codfish	中尾	"	40	16	17	
Crabs	中尾	"	20	23	20	
Cuttle Fish	中尾	"	26	16	27	
Dab	中尾	"	32	23	16	
Dace	中尾	"	18	10	—	
Dog Fish	中尾	"	23	10	8	
Eels, Conger	中尾	"	30	16	—	
" Fresh Water	中尾	"	33	10	8	
" Yellow	中尾	"	32	26	30	
Frogs	中尾	"	70	82	95	
Groupers	中尾	"	20	40	80	
Gudgoun	中尾	"	26	22	18	
Herrings	中尾	"	30	18	23	
Halibut	中尾	"	32	18	15	
Labrus	中尾	"	35	32	13	
Loach	中尾	"	50	62	24	
Lobsters	中尾	"	30	32	21	
Mackerel	中尾	"	35	20	20	
Mullet	中尾	"	30	18	2	
Oysters	中尾	"	24	12	2	
Parrot Fish	中尾	"	22	30	15	
Porch	中尾	"	34	16	9	
Pike	中尾	"	36	36	29	
Plaice	中尾	"	48	36	30	
Pomfret, White	中尾	"	38	30	45	
Pomfret, Black	中尾	"	70	10	14	
Prawns	中尾	"	18	10	14	
Ray	中尾	"	20	18	18	
Rock Fish	中尾	"	30	22	10	
Roach	中尾	"	44	30	30	
Salmon	中尾	"	18	8	10	
Shark	中尾	"	18	10	10	
State	中尾	"	52	32	80	
Stinkfish	中尾	"	40	28	23	
Squid	中尾	"	82	22	23	
Soles	中尾	"	30	26	85	
Tench	中尾	"	28	19	13	
Turbot	中尾	"	100	40	—	
Turbot, small, fr. water	中尾	"	—	—	—	
Poultry.						
Chicken	中尾	每磅	50	30	31	
Capon, Small	中尾	"	58	28	30	
Capon, Large	中尾	"	60	28	30	
Duck	中尾	"	45	22	21	
Doves	中尾	每磅	45	22	21	
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	中尾	每打	33	18	—	
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	中尾	"	40	25	20	
Fowls, Canton	中尾	每磅	64	36	24	
Fowls, Hainan	中尾	"	55	35	24	
Geese	中尾	"	45	24	24	
Pigeons, Canton	中尾	每磅	40	30	—	
" Hothow	中尾	"	35	28	—	
Turkeys, Cook	中尾	每磅	75	—	—	
Turkeys, Hen	中尾	"	60	61	45	
Snipe	中尾	每磅	40	30	—	
Pheasant	中尾	每磅	45	—	—	</

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SHATIN TRAIN SMASH.

How the Accident Was
Discovered.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

Further evidence was taken from
Mr. G. A. Walker, acting manager
of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, at
the resumed inquiry at the Kow-
loon Magistracy yesterday into the
circumstances of the Shatin train
wreck.

Mr. Walker described the system
of inspection of the track, adding
that there were a ganger and
twelve men for the tunnel, and on
other sections a ganger, a keyman,
and six men each. There were
eight sections in the 21 3/4 miles,
and it was laid down that before
the first train went out each morn-
ing the gangs should inspect the
sections in each direction. The
keyman had to go right through the
section both in the morning and
afternoon.

Apart from the gangs there were
two permanent sub-inspectors, one
of whom had to pass along the en-
tire road by train every morning.
Over them was a European perma-
nent way inspector.

Damage by Rain.

Witness did not think that dam-
age need be expected after heavy
rain. But in case of a typhoon
trains stopped at once, wherever
they might be. Nor could he say
what quantity of rain would be suf-
ficient to damage the line.

Trains were run on the block
system, and no train could pass be-
tween two stations unless in pos-
session of a "ball." The ball could
not be released without the co-
operation of the masters of the two
stations.

Wireless Phones Unnecessary.
Replying to further questions,
witness said he could not see
any great advantage in carrying
one jack on the engine, and one in
the brake van. There were no
wireless telephones on the trains,
nor did he think them necessary.
It would incur a good deal of ex-
penditure, which would hardly be
justified.

Answering Mr. Warren (foreman
of the special jury): The train
did not carry electric torches, but
on the night in question they had
electric light working all night long
from the main battery.

Mr. Lambert's Story.
Mr. C. D. Lambert, chief
mechanical engineer, said that on
April 20 he was supervising the
driving of the express from Canton.
He had driven the wrecked engine
many times. The coal box was not
full that day, but as it was rain-
ing hard, the driver's view would
not be of the best. He was of
opinion that the ground under the
engine had collapsed beneath the
weight.

When proceeding on the express
from Shumchun to Kowloon, he was
surprised to find the train pulled
up at Tai-po. When he alighted he
saw the station master with a red
flag. The station master told him
that something must be wrong. The
"ball" taken out by the train ahead
had not been put in at Shatin, or he
thought the telephone wires might
be broken down.

Drove To The Wreck.
Witness accordingly took the offi-
cial aboard as pilot on the train,
driving the engine himself. They
got to a spot about 1 1/2 miles past
Tai-po, when people on the line
ahead motioned him to stop. They
said that the train ahead had gone
over the bank.

Proceeding slowly, he heard de-
tonators explode, and later he halted
about 200 yards from the wreck.
Together with Mr. Car-
penter and Mr. Crenay, who were

HIGH HONOUR. PRESIDENCY OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

BRITISH APPRECIATION.

Geneva, Yesterday.
Mr. Arthur Henderson has in-
formed the Council of the League
of Nations that Mr. Ramsay
MacDonald has authorised him to
accept the presidency of the Dis-
armament Conference.

The British Foreign Secretary
in announcing his acceptance
said the Prime Minister had also
authorised him to express the ap-
preciation of the British Govern-

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.
LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—
Division I.—Kowloon Docks v.
C.S.C.C.; Craigengower v. Be-
reio; Police v. K.C.C.; Tai-koo v.
K.H.G.C.; Division II.—Kereio v.
Craigengower; C.S.C.C. v. H.K.
Electric; K.C.C. v. Yacht Club;
H.K.G.C. v. Tai-koo.
May 30.—Entries close for
C.S.C.C. Competitions.
GOLF—Sunday—Royal Hong
Kong Golf Club Junior Section v.
Kowloon Golf Club at Happy
Valley.
Summer Cup (First Round) at
Kowloon Golf Club.
FENCING—Monday—Hong
Kong Fencing Club at 5.15 p.m.
RACING—To-morrow and Mon-
day—Sixth Extra Race Meeting.
WATER POLO—Monday—En-
tries close for League, 6 p.m.

HOME.
CRICKET—To-day—
Worcestershire v. New Zealand.
Middlesex v. Leicestershire.
Surrey v. Sussex.
Essex v. Derby.
Glamorgan v. Lancashire.
Somerset v. Nottingham.
Cambridge U. v. Warwick.
Oxford U. v. Gloucester.
To-morrow, Monday and Tues-
day—Glamorgan v. New Zealand.
Middlesex v. Sussex.
Essex v. Worcester.
Lancashire v. Yorkshire.
Somerset v. Kent.
Northants v. Leicestershire.
Nottingham v. Surrey.
Warwick v. Derby.
Gloucester v. Hampshire.
GOLF—To-day—British Amate-
ur Championship Final at West-
ward Ho.
LAWN TENNIS—To-day—
French International Champion-
ship.
FOOTBALL—Sunday—Switzer-
land v. Scotland at Geneva.
YACHTING—To-morrow—
Royal Harwich Regatta.
MOTOR CYCLING—To-morrow—
French Gold Cup.
RACING—Sunday—Belgian
Derby at Brussels.

preciation of the British Govern-
ment for the honour thus confer-
red.

Mr. Henderson also deposited
with the Secretary General of the
League of Nations an instruction
of accession by Great Britain and
certain other parts of the British
Empire to the General Act of Ar-
bitration.

Sir Atul Chatterjee deposited
similar documents on behalf of
India, and M. Briand on behalf of
France.—British Wireless Service.

passengers, he walked to the scene.
There he saw Dr. Farr and Mr.
Beddow.

After attending to the injured
they took them to Tai-po in the
train. They reached Tai-po at
about 7.30 p.m. and there he had
rockets fired, as they could not get
into touch with Kowloon. Later,
witness went back to the wreck
with medical supplies. There he
found Mr. Walker, Dr. Smalley, and
the I.G.F.

Mr. Lambert described how he
and other helpers released a woman
from under the third coach. It
took three days to lift the coach.
The hearing was adjourned until
Wednesday.

WAR-TIME THEFT OF BRITISH PLATE.

Portions Returned by
Soviet Government.

TAKEN FROM EMBASSY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
When Commander Bellairs in
the House of Commons to-day
asked whether the Soviet Gov-
ernment's assistance had been
sought in recovering the silver
plate taken from the British Em-
bassy in Moscow when it was at-
tacked some years ago, the Un-
der-Secretary for Foreign Affairs,
Dr. Hugh Dalton, said that he
was happy to state that the So-
viet Government recently deliv-
ered to the British Embassy
such portions of the plate as
they had been able to trace.—
British Wireless Service.

R.C. PRELATES.

THREAT OF EXPULSION FROM
SPAIN.

ONE BISHOP GOES.

Madrid, Yesterday.
On the heels of an official com-
plaint from the Vatican over anti-
religious disorders in Spain, the
provisional Republican Govern-
ment announced to-day that all
prelates of the Roman Catholic
Church, who persisted in main-
taining a "Monarchist attitude,"
would be summarily expelled from
the country. The first prelate to
be dealt with was the Bishop of
Vitoria, who was "requested" to
leave Spain immediately. The
Bishop complied with the order.—
Reuter.

CHINA'S TRADE.

CO-OPERATION ON A SILVER
STANDARD.

EXPERT'S OPINION.

New York, Yesterday.
"International co-operation to
aid China to re-establish her trade
with a silver standard is impera-
tive," declared Sir Arthur Salter,
on his arrival at San Francisco
from the Far East.

He said that economically China
was trying to create industrial in-
dependence. Whoever aided in
finding a solution of China's finan-
cial problems would open one of
the greatest markets of the world.
—Reuter's American Service.

[Sir Arthur Salter, the League
of Nations expert, recently left
China after investigating the
country's economic needs.]

AXE FALLS.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE IN
AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
A 20 per cent. cut in Govern-
ment expenditure and also in pen-
sions, wages and salaries is re-
commended, inter alia, in the re-
port of the Loan Council sub-
committee.

According to the Herald, the
report also endorses Mr. Theodore's
proposal for a tax on interest.—
Reuter.

MR. SUN FO.

TO JOIN THE FORCES IN
CANTON.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Mr. Sun Fo, accompanied by Mr.
Eugene Chen, left for Hong Kong
to-day by the Asama Maru.
Reliable circles declare that they
are proceeding to Canton in order
openly to join the rebel movement
there.—Reuter.

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